

**OIL WELL RIGGING
NOW BEING ERECTED****UTILITIES COMPANY
GRANTED A RAISE**

Fagan & Fagan, of Robinson, Ill., contractors, have arrived in Sikeston with a corps of workmen and are now on the job of putting up one of the largest drilling outfits ever erected in the United States. Before the end of the week the derrick will be ready for the drillers and the first of the coming week the work of sinking the first of the Semo oil wells will be under way.

The road to the ground through Vanduser is now being put in order and the Semo Company are building a private road right up to their property that those interested may visit the workers at any time and see the drill in operation.

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The first test well being sunk is an 18-inch well and will be the largest ever sunk in Southeast Missouri. Other wells are to follow on different leases controlled by the Semo Development Co., and their geologist feels absolutely certain that oil in paying quantity will be found on their leases. This will mean much to this section of Missouri and put the stockholders on easy street. There has never been an oil well sunk but what outside capital furnished the money and if oil was found reaped the benefit. Only a limited amount of stock has been sold outside of the Sikeston District. Those who have purchased the stock of the Semo Development Co. did so to help develop the country and at the same time get the benefits if oil in paying quantities is found.

**POLES WHIP A LEGISLATOR
WHO MISREPRESENTED THEM**

Warsaw, April 1.—Peasants of Western Galicia have set a new fashion of using the cat-o'-nine-tails to rebuke a Legislator who failed to carry out the wishes of the voters of his district.

Michael Marek, a peasant member of the Polish Diet, went home to Galicia recently to report progress of his work. A special meeting was called by his constituents to hear all that their leader had accomplished.

Incidentally, Marek informed those assembled that he had voted in favor of an upper house, or senate, for Poland's next diet, which virtually all peasants of the State opposed, considering it the future stronghold of social reactions.

Marek was permitted to finish his speech—then he was taken out into the yard and give 25 strokes with a home-made cat-o'-nine-tails, for voting against the judgment of his constituents.

Luke Mathewson notices where a lady at Tickville one day last week entertained with a miscellaneous shower, but he has been unable to find any record of such in the almanac.

**"Finicky Folks"**

Most of our customers are "Finicky Folks"—it's our particular delight to please them.

We find that our modern family laundry service most appeals to the most particular people.

We're sure, therefore, it will appeal to you. You'll appreciate the quality of it, and you'll be pleased with its economy, too.

And it saves you time as well as money—we wash and iron everything but a few pieces which you can easily iron at home.

Try this new wash-way—bundle up everything that needs washing and phone us tomorrow.

**Sikeston Electric
Laundry Co.**

Phone 165

Jefferson City, March 31.—Electricity rates in sixteen towns in Southeast Missouri served by the Public Utilities Company, were ordered increased today by the Missouri Public Commission. An increase in water rates at Cape Girardeau also was granted. The towns affected and the percentage of increase follow: Cape Girardeau, water, 20 per cent; electricity, 4½ per cent; Charleston, 13.9; Sikeston, 7.6; Chaffee, Dexter, Dudley, East Prairie, Fisk, Illinois, Fornell, Morehouse, Oran, Morley Blodgett and Bertrand all 10.6 per cent increase on light.

The Utilities Commission retained jurisdiction and may if there is a big decrease in the cost of fuel or labor, reduce these rates. The new rates are to become effective April 6. The cases have been pending since April 23, 1920. The increase granted approximate 30 per cent of the raises asked by the company, which serves all of the towns named.

**WOULD MAKE TARIFF RELIEVE
FARMERS OF FREIGHT BURDEN**

Washington, April 1.—Protection for the farmers on an equality with manufacturers and industrial interests in any tariff policy which is to be decided upon and adding to any rates which may be levied "an amount equal to the extra freight charges in getting products to the consuming centers" is urged in a statement by Secretary Wallace. The "heavy additional burden" imposed on the producers by increased freight rates, the Secretary declared "are a differential imposed upon our own producers and to the benefit of our foreign competitors."

Manufacturers are "naturally and properly" laying plans to meet foreign competition in the world markets and desire a tariff to protect them against cheap foreign goods, Wallace asserted, but he insisted that the situation facing the producers "must be considered" in any tariff legislation, whether emergency or permanent. Producers, he said, are getting prices below cost of production, "not alone because of inactive business conditions at home, but because of the importations of competing foreign markets."

The nation "cannot afford to permit the breaking down of its own agriculture," the Secretary continued, "even if for a time we can buy food and other farm products cheaper from some one else." At present, he said, there is a large surplus of agricultural products, but "this will not continue, because the population is growing and consumption will catch up with production."

Napoleon's Palace a Public Resort.

Vienna, April 2.—Schoenbrunn, the imperial chateau where once dwelt Maria Theresa and where Napoleon Bonaparte planned his 1805 and 1809 campaigns in Austria, will be turned over to the people of Vienna as a public monument and recreation ground. Belvidere Palace, another noble chateau in this city, may become a gambling casino, according to reports. It is considered one of the most beautiful estates in Austria.

Sunflower Seed Good Price.

The first shipment of six cars of second grade sunflower seed from the warehouses of the Southeast Missouri Co-operative Sunflower Growers Association, went to the Trenton mill of the American Cotton Oil Co. recently. This lot of seed has been sold f. o. b. loading station at a good price. Recent chemical analysis of the meal show that its feeding value is virtually the same as cotton seed meal.

Laboratory tests of sunflower seed oil are said to have been so successful that it is believed here and entirely new and almost unlimited market has been developed for the second grade seed which heretofore has been used only in mixed and scratch feeds and then only in limited quantities.

The growers' association, headed by the Farm Bureau Federation, is using every effort to have sunflower seed included in the list of articles on which tariff is to be placed by congress. A tariff of 2 cents a pound on seed and 20 cents a gallon on the oil is being asked.—West Plains Gazette.

Mrs. J. W. Winchester and Miss Anita were visitors in Cairo Saturday.

SIKESTON, SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1921

**MACK HIGGINS HOME
ENTERED BY THIEVES**

Sunday evening, between 9 and 10 o'clock, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Higgins, their home on Dorothy Street was entered by someone who ransacked the place thoroughly and left taking articles of clothing belonging to Mr. Higgins and his son, also a watch and stick pin. Eggs and a pitcher of butter milk were stolen from the refrigerator.

The pitcher was emptied and thrown in the alley back of the house.

Scattered about the neighborhood Monday morning various pieces of discarded clothing were found. The thief evidently arrayed himself in the better garments he had stolen.

Charred matches were found in every room of the house.

**LOOS CARNIVAL COMPANY
FOR SIKESTON FAIR**

A contract has been signed whereby the Loos Carnival Company will furnish amusement for the 1921 Southeast Missouri District Fair. The Loos Company, reputed one of the best on the road, includes fifteen shows and five riding devices. Thirty cars are required to transport the 350 people and the equipment employed in the shows.

The shows include an interesting exhibition of war relics, upon which lectures are given at frequent intervals during each afternoon and evening.

Noah's Ark, a novel mechanical device, demonstrates to the visitors the "rocking of the boat" to which Noah and his varied passengers probably were subjected while the flood raged.

Other side-splitting attractions are "Room 202" and "Dinty Moore's Saloon", the front of which is decorated with many familiar "Bringing Up Father" cartoons.

A small, representative, menagerie is one of the principal attractions, with its lions, monkeys, cockatoos, snakes, and a dozen other animals of different kinds not seen every day.

The Hawaiian village is the chief dancing attraction and there are "Dixie Minstrels" to provide music and comedy.

Other attractions are the Motor-drome, the Skelton Man, Jungle Land, Nemo, the Tallest Man on Earth, the Lilliputian Village, a Marionette Show, the Smallest Mother and Baby, Ferris Wheel, Merry-go-round, Whip, Aeroplane Whirl. There are glass blowers, fire eaters and a circus of trained fleas, a freak animal show which contains a cow with two extra legs growing out of her back, a horse with a camel's back, another horse with eight legs instead of four, a three legged sheep, a goat with four horns, a rabbit with only one ear and having five feet instead of four, four-footed chickens and ducks with chicken feet.

By gazing through a powerful microscope, one may see the Lord's Prayer cut clearly on the head of an ordinary small pin. Each letter stands out like printing.

A splendid carnival band furnishes music when the shows are open.

E. J. Mahoney of Dexter transacted business in this city Monday.

Mrs. Earl Johnson and Mrs. Earl Malone shopped in Cairo Monday.

When money talks we never stop to criticize its grammar.—Chicago News.

Some of the copper coins used by the ancients were as large as dinner plates.

Doc Olds, Dick Watkins and Miss Lola Medeal spent (a week) in Morley Sunday afternoon.

Charles Blanton and Regs Potashnick were visitors in Cape Girardeau Sunday afternoon. Misses Gretchen Dunaway and Laura Ruhl accompanied them as far as Morley.

In England sentence of life imprisonment is always reviewed at the end of 15 years, and if the prisoner's conduct has been uniformly good, he is usually released. This is particularly the case where a prisoner has been sentenced for murder, for murderers are usually well-behaved prisoners.

Ten or twelve autos filled with Sikeston baseball fans motored to East Prairie Sunday to see the game between Sikeston and East Prairie. The game was only a practice game and a most uninteresting one at that, Sikeston beating the East Prairie nine 10-2. An effort is being made to get the Dexter team here for a game next Sunday.

**EARL SAMS HOME
DESTROYED BY FIRE**

A disastrous fire, which occurred between 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday evening, destroyed the house on Prosperity Street, which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sams. The family was not at home and the fire had gained such headway before being discovered, that the volunteer fire fighters were unable to control the flames or to save any of the contents of the building.

It is reported that Sams and some friends, all of whom were intoxicated, had been there a short time before and it is thought a lighted cigarette or match carelessly thrown aside, started the fire. The building belonged to Miss Eva Carter, who carried about \$1500 insurance. Sams had about \$1100 insurance on furniture and clothing.

**LOOS CARNIVAL COMPANY
FOR SIKESTON FAIR**

The Finance Committee of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau held a meeting here Monday afternoon to check up returns in the drive for funds, now on. The lists totaled a little over the \$20,000, but it was decided to continue to solicit subscriptions until every man in Southeast Missouri, who should be a member, is lined up.

Work is centered this week on Pemiscot County. All counties are doing and lining up splendidly. A call will soon be issued for election of directors.

Miss Ruth DeWitt spent the week end in Kennett, the guest of Miss La Verne Tucker.

Miss Alfreda Denton was down from Cape Girardeau to spend Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Denton.

Mrs. Clarence Davis and children came Friday from Charleston to join Mr. Davis, who is employed in the offices of the Sikes-McMullin Grain Company. They expect to move into the house now occupied by Harry Dovener.

Miss Gladys Strickland will arrive the latter part of the week from Chicago for an extended visit at the Dr. H. J. Stewart home. Miss Strickland made many friends during her stay here last year who will be glad to learn of her coming visit.

LOST—Goodyear molded tire. Lost on streets of Sikeston or close by. An old tire. Notify Tanner Dry.

**Music while you dine**

Seated at your own table, in the comfort of your own home, you can summon the world's greatest artists to entertain your guests, your family and yourself on the Victrola. Such an accompaniment to the meal adds much to its enjoyment and brightens the whole occasion.

Let us show you the attractive Victrola models. There is one to match your furnishings.



DERRIS, THE DRUGGIST
Sikeston, Missouri.

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

ISSUED TUESDAY AND FRIDAYS
AT SIKESTON, MISSOURI.Entered at the Postoffice at Sikeston,
Scott County, Missouri, as second-class
mail matter, according to act
of Congress.THE STANDARD is the only paper in
Scott County that is published
twice-a-week; for newspaper readers
wanting the news while it is
news, and for advertisers desiring
quick results, it is the best medium.The Standard announces the following
new rates for advertising effective
August 1, 1920:Display advertising, per single column
inch, net 25c
Reading notices per line 10c
Financial statements for banks \$6.00
Probate notices, minimum \$5.00The Standard announces the following
new rates for subscription effective
September 1, 1920:Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott
and adjoining counties \$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in
United States \$2.50
No renewal allowed at present rate
for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONThe parties from Sikeston who
have been visiting certain parties in
the vicinity of Salcedo and Tanner
and returning with bootleg whiskey
are known. The parties in the vicinity
of Salcedo and Tanner make regular
trips via the Gulf line, south,
and return with heavily laden valises.
A hint to the wise is sufficient.W. C. Morse, superintendent of the
Missouri Division of the Missouri Pacific,
with headquarters in Poplar Bluff has tendered his resignation of
that position, having accepted the position
of vice-president and general manager of the Louisiana Railroad &
Navigation Company, which railroad
operates between Shreveport and New
Orleans—a road of about 600 miles.
His new headquarters will be at
Shreveport.In a conversation with the editor of
the Democrat a few days ago, R. M.
Finney stated that while some of our
people consider that times are very
hard at present, it is nothing to compare
with conditions following the civil war.
There was no money then to buy anything with, but the people got
down to work and got by without it.
Every family had its cards and looms
and carded and spun both wool and
cotton thread, which was woven into
cloth for clothing for every member
of the family. For coffee they used
parched wheat. Every family had a
gritter to grit corn, when they ran
out of old corn, before the new was
hard enough to grind; and for sweet-
enein' they had to depend to a large
extent on country sorghum. In fact,
each community was practically
thown on its own resources. Imagine
conditions like that, and appreciate
the fact that you are living in the
present generation.—Dunklin Democ-
rat.

The Irish Problem.

"Sir Philip Gibbs is a friend of mine," said Father Duffy in his Sunday night lecture on the Irish question. "I admire him very much for his personal qualities and for his work." Father Duffy had already shown his friendship by pleading for fair play at a turbulent Gibbs meeting. At the same hour Sir Philip was paying a tribute to Father Duffy as "a gallant man, a gentleman and a sportsman". By thus proving that an Englishman and an American of Irish blood who favors the Irish re-public can discuss the future of the hapless island in a kindly spirit, maintaining the courtesies of debate while sharply disagreeing as to politics—that they can even agree on one thing, which is that there should be no war between the United States and Great Britain—these eminent debaters have rendered a service to their countrymen and blood brothers in a troublous time. For that is the spirit in which the Irish question must be settled, whenever it is settled and no matter how. Peace will not come by shooting police officers in their beds or by equality bloody reprisals against Sinn Fein towns. The trouble must be ended by debate, discussions and decision in which the ordinary decencies are observed, or it will never be ended.—New York World.

Americans Sentenced in Bergdolt Kidnapping Released.

Washington, March 31.—The War Department today announced that Carl Nauj and Franz Zimmer, the two Americans imprisoned in Germany for an attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdolt, American draft deserter, were released at noon today.

The release was ordered by the Berlin Foreign Office, Brigadier-General H. T. Allen, commanding at Coblenz, reported. The German Commissioner at Coblenz, after a telephone conversation with Berlin, notified Gen. Allen at noon today that the sentences had been remitted "pending good behavior" and that the men probably would reach Coblenz tomorrow.

A good thing to remember these days is that Socialism, I. W. W.,ism, Communism, Bolshevism and Nonpartisan League are all alike in their ultimate outcome. They all mean the forcible taking from the people of the things which they possess and the substitution of the despotism of a class for our free Republican-Democratic institutions.—Iola Register.

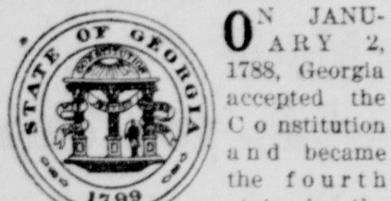
The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation will shortly distribute sample Farm Bureau buttons to each of the counties in Missouri. These buttons have been adopted by the American Farm Bureau Federation Executive Committee and are recommended to all counties in the United States.

Now that the Mississippi River Commission is to complete the Levee on St. John Bayou Bottom and thereby protect from possible overflow 200,000 acres of land in New Madrid, Scott and Mississippi counties from overflow, for all time, New Madrid business men are looking forward to the big trade that will come to us in a couple of years. The land to be reclaimed is the most fertile in the United States and will be quickly made the homes of thousands of prosperous farmers.—New Madrid Record.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE

IV.—GEORGIA



ON JANUARY 2, 1788, Georgia accepted the Constitution and became the fourth state in the Union. The settlement of Georgia was conceived as a buffer against the depredations of the Spaniards and Indians, whose invasions of South Carolina had reached a climax in 1715 with a raid in which four or five hundred settlers had been massacred. To protect South Carolina from future invasions James Oglethorpe planned a colony to the south, and in 1732 he obtained from George II a grant of land.

The new territory was consequently named Georgia, after the king. The deed stated that the land was granted "In trust for the poor." This referred to Oglethorpe's plan to have as the settlers the insolvent debtors who, according to the laws of that time in England, were cast into prison. Many of these were released from prisons and re-enforced by some Germans and Scotch Highlanders, founded the town of Savannah in 1733 and rapidly spread up and down the coast, where successful plantations of rice and indigo soon became established. Georgia continued to prosper until the population of its 59,265 square miles entitles it to a representation of 14 presidential electors.

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Whom Does It Represent?

Will Land Values Drop?

You who own land or are thinking of buying, lately have wondered, "Are land values going to depreciate along with the general deflation of prices?" The value of farm land during the past year decreased seven per cent, says the Department of Agriculture. Here is its estimate of the average value of an acre of plow land in the United States:

March 1, 1914.....	\$52.94
March 1, 1916.....	58.00
March 1, 1917.....	62.17
March 1, 1918.....	68.38
March 1, 1919.....	74.31
March 1, 1920.....	90.01
March 1, 1921.....	83.78

The drop in farm land values has been greatest in southern states—22 per cent in Georgia and 24 per cent in Kentucky. That's due to the cotton and tobacco situation.

Iowa has the highest-priced farm land—averaging \$200 an acre, compared with \$219 a year ago.

The lowest rate of decline was in western states. California, Oregon and Colorado even showed an increase.

Farm land values, however, are higher now than in any year up to 1920. The slump is due to the crash in prices of farm products. Whether the slump will continue during the next few years, depends on the selling price of farm products.

Probably the depreciation is only temporary. Single taxers, at least, will claim so. Their theory is that the trend of land values, as population becomes more dense, is always upward and that land values steadily absorb all increase in wealth produced by man's labor and inventiveness.

As for city land, it is subject to the same economic laws as farm land.

Land may decline in value, as measured by dollars, in line with general lowering of cost of living, but the owner doesn't really lose, for his dollars will buy more.—Missouri State Journal.

Hog Cholera Can Be Prevented.

The prevalence of hog cholera is not only unnecessary but is due to poor management and lack of co-operation among owners of hogs. This is the opinion of Professor J. C. Logan of the Department of Agriculture in the Southeast Missouri State College.

Mr. Logan is an expert in methods of hog cholera prevention and spent a part of last week working with County Agent Hensley of New Madrid Co., in demonstrating methods of hog cholera vaccination. He finds that this disease is pretty well controlled throughout Southeast Missouri.

He says, however, that all owners of herds should vaccinate whenever there is possibility of a spread of the disease.

Owners should not await until the disease appears in their herds before vaccinating. Mr. Logan is keenly interested in stamping out hog cholera throughout Southeast Missouri.

He will work with all county agents of this section to this end whenever they call on him.

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"The allies should treat Germany exactly as a creditor treats an unscrupulous debtor—take guarantees and hold them until the debt is paid in full.

"We already have one guarantee—the Rhineland—which we will not leave until Germany completely has discharged her debt, for it is a question of life and death with us.

"If Germany persists in refusing after May 1, we may take further guarantees. Our plan contemplates the occupation of Frankfort and the seizure of state property, mines, railways and customs.

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GERMANY "PREPARES"
SAYS FRENCH LEADER

Paris, March 27.—Marshal Fayolle, who commanded the French group of armies at the battle of the Somme and later commanded French divisions on the Italian front, declared in an exclusive interview today that Germany is earnestly preparing for a new war, and that unless the allies took firm action at once they never would carry out the Versailles treaty.

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question of reparations we will consider them treacherous."

Mrs. Ellen Thiele came in from St. Louis Wednesday night for a visit with Mrs. James Nester.

Miss Cleo Young left Thursday afternoon for Parma, where she will visit several days with relatives.

Everett Dye left Tuesday night for Clinton, Mo., where he has accepted a position. Mrs. Dye and children expect to join him later.

John Dameron, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Candace Plotte and family, returned Thursday to his home in Colfax, Illinois.

Lieut. Arthur Girard Hamilton, son of Mrs. Belle Edmondson of this city, was married in St. Louis Saturday to Miss Miriam Hunter of San Antonio, Texas.

Young Hamilton has been in the U. S. Air service since the beginning of the war, serving as instructor in aviation fields.

Young Hamilton established a world's record for parachute leaping at Chanute Field, on March 23, when he dropped 24,000 feet.

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WALPOLES MARKET.

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high, width 44 depth 30 in. Inside
dimensions 43 high, width 28 in, depth
12 in. Same as New.—L. M. Hill, Par-
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cent or more of total amount of
bonds, mortgages, or other securities:

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C. L. BLANTON, JR.
Business Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 2nd day of April, 1921.

J. C. LESCHER,
Notary Public.

My commission expires June 6th, '21.

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Owing to unsettled market conditions we would advise everyone to hold their poultry until market conditions change.

We will have a car here on
Friday and Saturday
April 15 and 16



LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Charles M. Barnes of Marston was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday of last week.

Miss Hester Davis of Jonesboro, Ark., visited many of her friends and associates in New Madrid last week.

Fred Weigle of Arizona arrived the first of last week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Weigle of this city.

Mrs. D. C. Wells of Malden arrived Wednesday of last week to spend a few days with her daughter, Miss Helen Wells.

Rivers Hampton of St. Louis joined his family here last week and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hampton of this city.

Mr. Kinder of Cape Girardeau was in New Madrid last week looking after the interest of the Southeast Missouri paper of that city.

Julian N. Friant of Cape Girardeau and Mr. Barnes of St. Louis Chamber of Commerce were the principal speakers at a meeting held in New Madrid Wednesday night of last week in the interest of the Farm Bureau movement. A sumptuous banquet preceded the meeting.

Supt. R. H. Long received notice Tuesday of last week from Miss Mary Kochtitzky of the Art Department of Cape Girardeau, State Teachers College that Opal Riggs and Oretta Pharris had won prizes in Health Poster Contest. Opal won first prize in Division 5 and Corett, third in Division 2.

Mrs. S. B. Hunter Sr., and Mrs. Harold E. Hunter entertained at the Hamilton Hotel Wednesday afternoon of last week with fourteen tables for Five Hundred. The dining room was attractively decorated with Dogwood blossoms. A chicken lunch salad, olives, celery, coffee and mints were served. Mrs. W. R. Pinnell, making the highest score was awarded the first prize, a sofa pillow. The second prize, a hand embroidered collar and cuff set was awarded to Mrs. S. R. Hunter Jr.

Sheriff Ambrose Kerr and his deputies J. H. Crabb, Claude Kerr and Constable Guy Humphreys returned Monday of last week from Farmington, where they had taken Charles Hall and Pohn Odom to the State Hospital No. 4. Both men had become mentally unbalanced and were raving maniacs. The sheriff speaks very highly of this institution and insists that every person in Southeast Missouri should visit it, that they may know how well the State is caring for these mentally afflicted unfortunate.

The Parma Bank, a corporation of New Madrid County and J. C. Hon of New Madrid County: $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 4 block 6 in City of Parma. \$1600.00.

Gideon-Anderson Lumber & Mercantile Company of Gideon, New Madrid County, to Robert B. Meentemeyer of New Madrid County: All of lot 6 and $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 5 in block 12 town of Gideon, New Madrid County, Mo. \$550.00.

Hiramelberger-Harrison Land Selling Company of Cape Girardeau, to Marion W. Mayes of Tallapoosa: All that portion of the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 36 twp. 22, range 11, laying east of the right-of-way of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, except however a strip of land 83 feet wide off of the east side of said tract, being north of the base line and east of the Fifth P. M. containing 74.90 acres \$5,617.50.

Emma C. Howser, et al of Champaign County, Ill., to Spencer E. Huff of Champaign County, Ill.: The $\frac{1}{2}$ of sec. 19, twp. 23, range 13. \$16,677.76.

T. A. Stewart of New Madrid Coun-

ty to J. N. Barnes and wife of New Madrid County, all of lot 7 and the $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 8 block 7 City of Portageville. \$1350.

Jesse F. Cox of Scott County to W. C. Boardman of Scott County: All of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 19, twp. 24, range 14 containing 155 acres. \$20,000.00

James C. Durbin of New Madrid County to C. W. McGee of New Madrid County: All of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 32 twp. 24 range 13, lying west of the center of the drainage ditch running across said sec. 32 containing 92.96 acres \$8,585.00.

W. S. Edwards of New Madrid County to W. B. Rossiter of New Madrid County: The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 30 twp. 24 range 15 containing 160 acres \$6400.00.

W. L. Denton to Taylor Welshans of New Madrid County: Lot 3 block 16 City of Lilbourn. \$75.00.

R. H. Truitt of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Ill., to James W. Tyson of New Madrid County, Mo., all of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 34, twp. 21, range 13 containing 80 acres. \$4800.00.

William Alexander of New Madrid County to D. T. Teal of New Madrid County: Lot 8, block 1 in the Clayton's Addition to the town of Gideon, Mo. \$1500.00.

Ella B. Winders of New Madrid County to John W. Gullion of New Madrid County: All of the undivided one-fifth int. of in and to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ also known as lot 1 in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 7 twp. 23, range 16 containing 40 acres. \$500.00.

Mariage License.

Walter Hughes and Gracie York of Kewanee.

Raymond L. Harrell and Lester Davis, both of Parma.

Jack Hawkins and Rosa Dunn both of Portageville.

Welton Marshall and Rebecca R. Crevoiser, both of Conran.

Mrs. Harry C. Blanton and little Miss Rosemary returned Saturday from a visit with Mrs. Blanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dailey of Bay City, Michigan.

Ruskin and Levi Cook spent Sunday in Cairo, Levi going over to Dr. Dunn for examination for eye trouble. The doctor found a tiny sliver of steel embedded in the ball of one eye.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mrs. M. M. Fox returned to her home in Lilbourn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz went to Sikeston Friday on business.

Ray Crosby has sold out his cafe Charles McMullin of Louisiana.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chiles on March 26th a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Robert Ball was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gossett Tuesday.

Messrs. Horrell and Bob Hunter of Hough, Mo., were in Matthews Tuesday on business.

Mesdames C. D. Grimes and Roy Owen of St. Louis are guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane.

Messrs. G. F. Deane, G. D. Steele, Bob and Horrell Hunter motored to Sikeston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. S. S. Huhls and daughter Miss Christine of Canalou are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Huhls and family this week.

Mrs. Ownes, who has been attending the revival at the Nazarene church, returned to her home in Morehouse Wednesday.

Mesdames Vicks, Owen and Sayville and Mr. Owen of Morehouse were in Matthews Wednesday and attended services at the Nazarene church that night.

Mr. L. Deane has moved his family on the Marr farm about one-half mile south of Matthews. Mr. Marr and family will live in Mr. Deane's home in Matthews.

One of the most enjoyable events in the social circle was a weiner roast and hay ride given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll at their beautiful country home one mile north of Matthews. Mr. Carroll had huge fires built in their pretty park, hickory sticks were provided for each guest to roast their own weiners and marshmallows. After the out-door sports were fully enjoyed, the guests were invited into the house, which was beautifully decorated in colors and flowers harmonizing with the Easter tide. One of the evening features that created a great deal of merriment, was a limited time given to the guests to pick up a dozen colored Easter eggs, one at the time and carry them across the room. The one accomplishing the feat in the shortest length of time was given an Easter chicken, which was awarded to Frank Myer, who made the time in one minute and two ticks. The booby prize, a little duck, was awarded to the one taking the longest time to carry the eggs, which was won by Clarence Stewart. Many other games were indulged in and the following guests departed at a late hour, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Carroll most admirable entertainers: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mr. and W. A. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz, G. F. Deane, Mrs. Albert Deane, Misses Willa and Lilith Deane, Phyllis McAdoo, Eva Cochran, Vera Roberts, Clara and Alice Deane, Messrs. C. L. Yates, Frank Sutton and Aubrey Shain.

STEVE BURKE NOTED EVANGELIST DIES

Rev. Joseph Stevens Burke of Kansas City, Kansas, died last Friday in a hospital in Gainesville, Texas, after having undergone an operation for gall stones.

Rev. Burke is well remembered in Bloomfield, having conducted an evangelistic campaign in this city in the spring of 1913. During the Burke and Hobbs revival several hundred were added to the churches of the city and churches nearby.

In the early days in Oklahoma he was a deputy United States Marshal and has seen much of the seamy side of life.

During the twenty-two years of his evangelistic work he has witnessed more than one hundred thousand conversions. He has been in ill health for some time and before he entered this hospital he was forced to deliver his sermons sitting down. His home was in Kansas City, Kas.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

Many pigs are lost and others are stunted in growth as the result of exposure because of high sills in front of hog pens. This is the observation of a Nebraska swine grower in a letter to the United States Department of Agriculture on the cause of runty live stock. He urges that stockmen examine their equipment, and be certain that small pigs are able to follow the sows into the pens. Attention to balanced rations, sanitation, and pure water are likewise mentioned as methods of preventing runts.

McMullin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simpson had business at Oran Friday.

The following young people attended the declamatory contest at Van dusen Friday night: Misses Lilly Crutchfield, Juanita Carpenter, Nellie Clifford, Lillian and Clyta Ancell, Irene and Lucille Inman and Messrs. Frank Kindred, Clyde Matthews, Cecil Crutchfield and Lynn Ancell.

Clestine Finley and family attended church here Sunday of last week.

The cold snap has played havoc with gardens and young chickens.

Ralph Ancell made a flying trip to Charleston Monday of last week.

Mrs. Ruby Tanner and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Love this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges of Sikeston were dinner guests of Mrs. Clifford Sunday.

Miss Blanche Hopper entertained some of our very popular young folks Sunday evening.

Tom Stubblefield attended the funeral of Mr. Coleman Friday of last week in Sikeston.

Lynn Waggoner of Charleston seems to like McMullin as he visits here quite frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Freeman of Sikeston were visitors in our neighborhood Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan were given a surprise party Monday of last week by the youngsters. All had a fine time.

We hope the cold wave will not interfere with the progress of our "Stars" one young hopeful was injured by a ball Sunday.

Well, the McMullin stars played their initial game of baseball Sunday of last week. It was not a very fast game on account of the inclement weather, but held them to a score of 2-1 for five innings in favor of the fans, but the sixth inning it began to rain and the stars got the run on the fans and then lost the score book.

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TONELLI SCORES IN POPLAR BLUFF

It will doubtless be of interest to the many Chaffee patrons who enjoyed the recent performance of "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie" given there by the "Sikeston Community Players" to know that something of the truth has leaked out concerning Geo. L. Tonelli, whom it will be remembered, gave a masterful portrayal of the difficult role "Matthew Martin", the grasping Yankee.

Mr. Tonelli, or professionally speaking, Dr. Tonelli, is one of the leading physicians of Sikeston, where he has enjoyed a splendid practice dating almost from the very time of his locating there, some years ago, he is widely known and highly respected though but few, if any, of his intimate acquaintances have heretofore known that in his earlier days, before finally settling down to the practice of his chosen profession, he arose in the musical world to the height of an opera star.

It is purely because of the doctor's own modesty and his reluctance in speaking of his past achievements that this fact has remained unknown to his neighbors and it probably would not be known at this time had he not accepted an invitation to appear in the "Elk's Minstrels" at the Fraternity Theater in Poplar Bluff last Monday night, where his marvelous voice was instantly recognized as being very unusual and which brought about inquiries resulting in his recognition as being the same George Tonelli, who some years ago, toured the country with his name billed in letter six feet high.

Of late the doctor has turned a deaf ear to all professional advances and now uses his wonderful voice only for his own satisfaction and for the pleasure of his friends. He has not sang in previous performance of "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie", but at the urgent request of director Tripplett has promised to do so at the next production, which will be presented in Oran, Wednesday night, April 6th.—Chaffee Signal.

Wouldn't Pull It.

The girl walked briskly into the store and dropped her bag on the counter. "Give me a chicken," she said.

"Do you want a pullet?" the storekeeper asked.

"No," the girl replied. "I want a carry it."

Combined with a new detachable clip for fountain pens is a reel of blotting paper to enable the pen to be used by travelers.

MISSOURI FOLKS TESTIFY

Tina, Mo.— "I think that there are no medicines on the market to equal Dr. Pierce's. After our baby girl came my wife was in a weak condition and could not retain her strength. She took seven bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and got well and strong. She says that she just could not get along without it.

"I have used the Pleasant Pellets for constipation for years—and never without them."

"I always recommend Dr. Pierce's remedies."—WM. E. REYNOLDS, Route I.

Dr. Pierce's medicines contain no alcohol and are sold by all good druggists.

Send 10 cents to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial package of any of his remedies or write for free confidential medical advice.

LOUIS C. ERDMANN
100 N. Kingshighway
Sikeston, Mo.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF STATE OF MISSOURI

Sedalia, Mo.—As a means of including the attendance of Missourians, also former Missourians, from everywhere at the Centennial celebration of the admission of their Fairfield at and with the Missouri State Fair here August 20-21, 1921, the Centennial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has appropriated from its promotion fund \$1,000 in cash to cover the appended list of prizes and the incidental registration expense of determining the contests:

August 20, 1921, the Centennial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has appropriated from its promotion fund \$1,000 in cash to cover the appended list of prizes and the incidental registration expense of determining the contests:

\$200 cash prize to the Missouri county that registers the largest percentage of its population as per the 1920 census at the Centennial, handicapped as per distance traveled.

\$25 for the fourth largest such registration.

\$75 for the third largest such registration.

\$25 for the fourth largest such registration.

\$50 to the second largest in this class.

\$25 to third largest in this class.

\$50 additional to the family reunion whose members are gathered from the greatest number of states, territories and countries in excess of four.

Equipped with its own electric lights, camera has been designed to enable police to photograph fingerprints.

A copy of "McFingal," a poem printed in Hartford, Conn., in 1782, and autographed by George Washington, brought \$1125 at Sotheby's auction.

The field of the farm tractor is constantly extending. A circular saw is now rigged up to it revolving horizontally and a large tree is cut down in a few

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Rev. L. Hinckley went to Catron Saturday.

Miss Nellie Allsup went to Malden last week.

Mrs. James Gossitt was a Sikeston visitor Friday.

Aubrey Shain has purchased him a new Ford roadster.

Miss Irene Loenneke spent the week-end in Lilbourn.

Mrs. L. Hunott went to Sikeston Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Ella Vaughn returned to her home in Catron Sunday.

Miss Flo King of Fairview was in Matthews Saturday night.

Rev. S. S. Surface went to Lilbourn Friday to visit his family.

C. L. Yates went to Lilbourn on business Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holderby of La Forge were in Matthews Sunday.

Miss Emma Joe Hawkins went to Lilbourn Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and son spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weatherford of White Oak were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Linn Linn Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Midgett of Keweenah visited Mr. and Mrs. James Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Linn Swartz attended the meeting of the Macabees at Sikeston last Wednesday.

Messrs. G. D. Steele, G. F. Deane and Earl Swartz motored to Catron Saturday on business.

Miss Wava Shanks of Crowe District and Roy King of Fairview were Matthews visitors Sunday.

Quite a number of people from Morehouse attended services at the Nazarine church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunott had dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Levi Prouty and Rev. A. J. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hersinger left Friday for Lilbourn on a visit to Mrs. Hersinger's grandmother, Mrs. Louis Lee.

Misses Phyllis McAdoo, Eva Cochran, Vera Roberts, Messrs Frank Sutton and C. L. Yates motored to Lilbourn Sunday.

Mesdames Gladden of Batesville, Louisiana, R. E. Conyers and little son Charles were guests of Mrs. Louis Hunott Thursday.

Mrs. John Rauh and children returned Thursday from Arkansas, where they have been the past few weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Ozella Gossitt, who is attending school at Sikeston, spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt.

Mrs. S. S. Huhles and daughter, Miss Christine, returned to their home in Canalou after a few days visit here with Mr. and Mrs. James Huhles.

Mrs. Amos Buchanan, little son, Brian and sister Camille Hill of Sikeston spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill.

Mrs. Chester Grimes of St. Louis, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane left Friday of last week for Lilbourn on a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. M. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart entertained with a twelve o'clock dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Story, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossett.

Mrs. Lola Medcalf spent Saturday in Dexter.

Mrs. W. N. Walpole was shopping in Cairo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McMullin were visitors in Grays Ridge Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James King left Friday morning for visit with relatives in Eldorado, Illinois.

Mrs. M. S. Murray and sons went Friday to Fredericktown for a few days visit with Miss Marie DeGuire.

Mrs. Fred Cross came Friday afternoon from Caruthersville for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson and other relatives.

Miss Dollye Vinson, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Loda Phelps for several weeks, returned Friday morning to her home in Princeton, Kentucky.

R. A. Moyers, Superintendent of the Oran Schools, was in Sikeston Saturday on business regarding the Oran School annual, which is to be made in the Standard office.

Charles W. Ellis, formerly with the Murray Construction Company, came in Saturday from Jefferson City where he is now employed, for a visit with his many Sikeston friends.

Dr. A. H. Barnes, pastor of the Sikeston M. E. Church, has accepted the invitation of the Portageville High School to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, May 8th.

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FOR SALE

Massey-Harris Binder, comparatively new, cut only 60 acres.

1 Rock Island Corn Planter. \$1.

1 Disc Harrow.

2 Sulky Plows, Oliver and John Deere makes.

2 Farm Wagons, Weber International make.

The above implement used only season of 1920 and are in A-1 order.

We can use your cash or take good note.

Frank Shanks & Son.

2t. pd.

The Freight on a Car of Potatoes From Minn. Is \$110 More than Potatoes.

Just what the present freight rates mean to the effort of retailers to reduce the cost of living will be better understood when it is known that the freight on a carload of seed potatoes shipped from Minnesota to Poplar Bluff is \$110 more than the jobber received for the potatoes. This is what happened last week when the Allison Merc. Co. bought a car of Burals and had them shipped from Minnesota to this city. The freight amounted to \$110 more than they paid the jobbers for the car of potatoes. The railroads through their high operating costs are strangling agricultural production and at the same time holding at a high level the cost of food and other articles to the consumer.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

The rainiest spot on earth is the Waipo Valley, in Hawaii, where the precipitation averages one inch a day. The district of Hualalai, on the same island, has a rainfall of but 20 inches a year.

Sile Kildew and wife took a shoebox full of butter to town Saturday and as she had a pound of right old butter left over she went around and presented it to the editor with a few kind remarks.

The United States Bureau of Chemistry finds that the poison of poison ivy is one of the most powerful known in the vegetable world. People have been known to die from too liberal a contact with it. It is present in all parts of the plant, and if taken internally is extremely dangerous.

It goes without saying that our domesticated ducks are derived from species originally wild. They are mostly mallards of European and American varieties. Our long-legged so-called "Indian runner duck" is descended from a stock not satisfactorily identified.

The contract for paving Third and Main Streets of Lilbourn for a distance of five blocks was let by the Lilbourn City Council Saturday night to J. F. Cox and R. A. McCord of Sikeston, who also have the contract for building the east half of the Lilbourn-Parma rock road, for the sum of \$7,684.05. The contractors filed their bond, signed by Sam G. Ballard, which was accepted by the council. Mr. Cox stated that as soon as the piece of road south of the Cotton Belt was finished and he figured this would be accomplished this week, providing rain did not interfere, work on the Lilbourn paving would be commenced. The contract calls for the completion of the project within 80 days.—Lilbourn Herald.

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THE RURAL GRADUATE DAY AT BENTON

The regular eight months schools of the County will close Friday, April 22nd, but the final County examinations will be given Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th. The questions for the 8th grade will be furnished by the State Superintendent, the County Superintendent will supply the 7th grade questions. After the teachers have given the examinations and graded the papers, the grade reports and the papers must be sent to the County Superintendent to review. Pupils who passed the 7th grade final examinations last year and whose grades are recorded in the Superintendent's office, need to pass only the 8th grade this year in order to graduate. Pupils who have no grades recorded will have to pass examination in both grades to graduate this year. No pupil may be admitted to both examinations who has not spent 2 years in Class "A".

County graduating exercises will be held at Benton, Saturday, April 23. Program will be as follows:

9:30 Final county 7th and 8th grade declamatory contest (4 contestants)

10:20 Final county high school declamatory contest (4 contestants)

11:10 Class address and presentation of diplomas to county graduates.

1:00 County track meets (one meet for grade pupils and one for high school pupils).

There will be two county track meets held simultaneously on graduation day, April 23rd, commencing at 1:00 o'clock, one for high school pupils only and one for 7th and 8th grade pupils only. There will be 8 events as follows:

50, 100 and 200 yard dashes, 440 yard relay (4 men), shot put (8-pound shot), standing and running broad and running high jumps. Each school may enter not more than two men in each event (relay excepted of course). A first place will count 5 points, 2nd, 3rd, 2 and 4th, 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Sexton were visitors in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Josephine Veith returned Sunday from a brief stay in Diehlstadt.

Mrs. C. O. Scott and Mrs. Dick Swanner were visitors in Morehouse Thursday.

Misses Pearl De Witt and Jess Bolling of Lilbourn visited Miss Maggie Matthews over Sunday.

Miss Helen Harbin went Friday afternoon to Charleston for a brief visit with Mrs. Ray Gutzeiwer.

Mrs. J. N. Ross left Saturday for Jackson, Tenn., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Hunter and family.

A. J. Munier came up from Lilbourn Saturday to spend Easter with Mrs. Munier and their daughter, Mrs. N. E. Fuchs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clary for the week.

Mrs. G. W. Arterburn and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Saturday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Washington and Indianapolis, Ind.

A. F. Altheide, manager of the Semo Developing Association returned Friday from a trip to the oil fields of Illinois, of the Osage Country, and the Wyoming fields.

Mrs. Clara Anderson came down from Commerce Saturday for a visit with her sons, Ralph and Paul Anderson and her daughters, Mrs. Ella Old and Mrs. Emma Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Miss Eleanor McRae, Miss Irene Robinson, Miss Fern Scott, Miss Camille Klein, Miss Helen Churchill and Messrs. Charles Blanton, Ralph Harper, Ted Anderson, Herman Henry, Theodore Slack, George Lough, Ralph Potashnick and Carl Freeman attended a dance given Friday night in Charles-ton.

Jeff Sutton, who has not been physically fit for the past several months, departed Friday morning for an extended stay in California, hoping to be greatly benefitted by the change. He expects to spend a month with his sister in Fresno and will then go to Los Angeles. The report that he has disposed of his interest in the Cash Grocery is without foundation.

Louis Ferrell, on Friday, shot the youngest mule on record, when he made and put a shoe on a colt three days old. The owner, who lives 12 miles southwest of Sikeston, brought the colt to town in a Ford touring car. The shoe was made about the width of a silver dollar and about twice as long. One of the little fellow legs was slightly drawn causing him to stand on the tip of the hoof. The shoe for this foot was built up at the back to lessen the strain. Young Mr. Mule lay quietly on his side while the shoe was being put on.

OIL THEORY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IS EXPLODED

That all the efforts being made by individuals and organized companies in Southeast Missouri to uncover fabulous oil deposits in any paying quantities will prove futile is the opinion of Prof. J. C. Logan, of the Department of Agriculture at the Teachers College, who delivered and addressed on "Development of Lowlands in Southeast Missouri," at the regular monthly meeting of the College Faculty Club, last night at the college.

Prof. Logan based his opinion on the examination of the deposit which have been made in Southeast Missouri since the beginning of time, and in which he stated there could be found no evidence of the deposits from which oil comes. 'Evidences of the deposits of the Silurian, Ordovician and Cambrian period, the earliest periods, can be found,' he said "and also of the Tertiary period, which is the latest depositary period, but nowhere can be found and deposited of the Carboniferous period, which may be present in the country. Of course, where there is any decaying matter, a certain amount of oil deposits may be found, but not in paying qualities. This also applies to coal deposits."

The Southeast Missouri lowlands have been swept and washed by the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to such an extent that it is believed that this deposit of the so-called middle period has been removed by the frequent erosions, the college professor stated. Deposits of sand one hundred feet in depth, which could have come from no place except one of the two rivers, have been found and the supposition is that these carboniferous deposits have been carried away by the almost incessant combat with the waters, it was stated. The fact that the Mississippi at an earlier date ran west and south from Cape Girardeau, and that the Ohio river ran through what is now Commerce, and by Dexter in Stoddard County, is evidence enough.

It is told Prof. Logan told of the formation of the two great lowlands in Southeast Missouri, the Advance Lowlands, named after the city of that name in Stoddard county, and the Cairo Lowlands, also called after that city in Illinois. According to his statements the Advance Lowland was formed by erosions of the Mississippi, while the Cairo Lowlands was formed by the erosions of the Ohio. Crow-

ley's Ridge, and Hickory Ridge, other elevations which at one time were parts of Crowley's Ridge, are the only 'high' places in the lowlands, he stated, with the exception of the so-called "Lost Hills" in the southern part of this section. Prof. Logan explained that these were probably formed by the erosions of the tributaries of the Mississippi, which he said ran through Southeast Missouri like a net-work.

"Old Field", located near Advance, a subject for debate as to its probable origin, last night was explained by the college professor, as just a basin which has been left in the Advance Lowlands, and he said did not likely come about as a result of any earthquake as is sometimes thought. The college man also stated that he did not think that any of the lowlands or hills were formed by the earthquake in 1811, which shook the central part of the United States.

"In some parts of these lowlands", Prof. Logan stated, "the land is lower than the Mississippi river itself. This is especially true near Delta, where it is nearly twenty feet lower than the river." That the Mississippi river might at some time change its course was expressed by Prof. Logan, but he intimated that this might be overcome in this modern time by the use of levees. As further evidence of the newness of the present bed of the Mississippi, he gave as an illustration, the width of the river at Thebes, where little signs of erosion can be seen.

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MATTHEWS ITEMS

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Miss Nellie Allsup went to Malden last week.

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Aubrey Shain has purchased him a new Ford roadster.

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Mrs. Ella Vaughn returned to her home in Catron Sunday.

Miss Flo King of Fairview was in Matthews Saturday night.

Rev. S. S. Surface went to Lilbourn Friday to visit his family.

C. L. Yates went to Lilbourn on business Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holderly of La Forge were in Matthews Sunday.

Miss Emma Joe Hawkins went to Lilbourn Friday, returning Saturday.

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Mrs. Chester Grimes of St. Louis, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane left Friday of last week for Lilbourn on a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. M. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart entertained with a twelve o'clock dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Story, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt.

Mis Lola Medcalf spent Saturday in Dexter.

Mrs. W. N. Walpole was shopping in Cairo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McMullin were visitors in Grays Ridge Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James King left Friday morning for a visit with relatives in Eldorado, Illinois.

Mrs. M. S. Murray and sons went Friday to Fredericksburg for a few days visit with Miss Marie DeGuire.

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Just what the present freight rates mean to the effort of retailers to reduce the cost of living will be better understood when it is known that the freight on a carload of seed potatoes shipped from Minnesota to Poplar Bluff is \$110 more than the jobber received for the potatoes. This is what happened last week when the Allison Merc. Co. bought a car of Burals and had them shipped from Minnesota to this city. The freight amounted to \$110 more than they paid the jobbers for the car of potatoes. The railroads through their high operating costs are strangling agricultural production and at the same time are holding at a high level the cost of food and other articles to the consumer.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

The rainiest spot on earth is the Waipo Valley, in Hawaii, where the precipitation averages one inch a day. The district of Hualalai, on the same island, has a rainfall of but 20 inches a year.

Sile Kildew and wife took a shoebox full of butter to town Saturday and as she had a pound of right old butter left over she went around and presented it to the editor with a few kind remarks.

The United States Bureau of Chemistry finds that the poison of poison ivy is one of the most powerful known in the vegetable world. People have been known to die from too liberal a contact with it. It is present in all parts of the plant, and if taken internally is extremely dangerous.

It goes without saying that our domesticated ducks are derived from species originally wild. They are mostly mallards of European and American varieties. Our long-legged so-called "Indian runner duck" is descended from a stock not satisfactorily identified.

The contract for paving Third and Main Streets of Lilbourn for a distance of five blocks was let by the Lilbourn City Council Saturday night to J. F. Cox and R. A. McCord of Sikeston, who also have the contract for building the east half of the Lilbourn-Parmar rock road, for the sum of \$7,684.05. The contractors filed their bond, signed by Sam G. Ballard, which was accepted by the council. Mr. Cox stated that as soon as the piece of road south of the Cotton Belt was finished and he figured this would be accomplished this week, providing rain did not interfere, work on the Lilbourn paving would be commenced. The contract calls for the completion of the project within 80 days.—Lilbourn Herald.

Mrs. W. M. Summers and daughter, who have been with Sikeston relatives for several weeks, returned Saturday to their home in Canalou. Mrs. Summers' sister, Mrs. George Winters, accompanied them and will visit in Canalou for two or three weeks.

The debating team of Oran High School, having won the championship of Southeast Missouri, will debate with the Carthage team, champions of Southwest Missouri, Friday, April 1st, for the South Missouri honors. The question "Resolved That a Federal Law Providing for Compulsory Arbitration Between Employer and Employee Is Wise and Feasible." The Oran debaters are Jean Zimmerman and Miss Abbie Boutwell. Superintendent R. A. Moyers will accompany the team to Carthage. The winners in this debate will debate the champions of North Missouri at 80 days.—Lilbourn Herald.

FOR SALE

Massey-Harris Binder, comparatively new, cut only 60 acres.

1 Rock Island Corn Planter.

1 Disc Harrow.

2 Sulky Plows, Oliver and John Deere makes.

2 Farm Wagons, Weber International make.

The above implement used only season of 1920 and are in A-1 order.

We can use your cash or take good note.

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THE RURAL GRADUATE DAY AT BENTON

The regular eight months schools of the County will close Friday, April 22nd, but the final County examinations will be given Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th. The questions for the 8th grade will be furnished by the State Superintendent, the County Superintendent will supply the 7th grade questions. After the teachers have given the examinations and graded the papers, the grade reports and the papers must be sent to the County Superintendent to review. Pupils who passed the 7th grade final examinations last year and whose grades are recorded in the Superintendent's office, need to pass only the 8th grade this year in order to graduate. Pupils who have no grades recorded will have to pass examination in both grades to graduate this year. No pupil may be admitted to both examinations who has not spent 2 years in Class "A".

County graduating exercises will be held at Benton, Saturday, April 23, Program will be as follows:

9:30 Final county 7th and 8th grade declamatory contest (4 contestants)

10:20 Final county high school declamatory contest (4 contestants)

11:10 Class address and presentation of diplomas to county graduates.

1:00 County track meets (one meet for grade pupils and one for high school pupils).

There will be two county track meets held simultaneously on graduation day, April 23rd, commencing at 1:00 o'clock, one for high school pupils only and one for 7th and 8th grade pupils only. There will be 8 events as follows:

50, 100 and 200 yard dashes, 440 yard relay (4 men), shot put (8-pound shot), standing and running broad and running high jumps. Each school may enter not more than two men in each event (relay excepted of course). A first place will count 5 points, 2nd, 3rd, 2 and 4th, 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Sexton were visitors in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Josephine Veith returned Sunday from a brief stay in Diehlstadt.

Mrs. C. O. Scott and Mrs. Dick Swanner were visitors in Morehouse Thursday.

Misses Pearl De Witt and Jess Bolling of Lilbourn visited Miss Maggie Matthews over Sunday.

Miss Helen Harbin went Friday afternoon to Charleston for a brief visit with Mrs. Ray Gutzeiler.

Mrs. J. N. Ross left Saturday for Jackson, Tenn., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Hunter and family.

A. J. Munier came up from Lilbourn Saturday to spend Easter with Mrs. Munier and their daughter, Mrs. N. E. Fuchs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clary for the week.

Mrs. G. W. Arterburn and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Saturday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Washington and Indianapolis, Ind.

A. F. Altheide, manager of the Semco Developing Association returned Friday from a trip to the oil fields of Illinois, of the Osage Country, and the Wyoming fields.

Mrs. Clara Anderson came down from Commerce Saturday for a visit with her sons, Ralph and Paul Anderson and her daughters, Mrs. Ella Old and Mrs. Emma Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Miss Eleanor McRae, Miss Irene Robinson, Miss Fern Scott, Miss Camille Klein, Miss Helen Churchill and Messrs. Charles Blanton, Ralph Harper, Ted Anderson, Herman Henry, Theodore Slack, George Lough, Ralph Potashnick and Carl Freeman attended a dance given Friday night in Charles-ton.

Jeff Sutton, who has not been physically fit for the past several months, departed Friday morning for an extended stay in California, hoping to be greatly benefited by the change. He expects to spend a month with his sister in Fresno and will then go to Los Angeles. The report that he has disposed of his interest in the Cash Grocery is without foundation.

Louis Ferrell, on Friday, shod the youngest mule on record, when he made and put a shoe on a colt three days old. The owner, who lives 12 miles southwest of Sikeston, brought the colt to town in a Ford touring car. The shoe was made about the width of a silver dollar and about twice as long. One of the little fellow legs was slightly drawn causing him to stand on the tip of the hoof. The shoe for this foot was built up at the back to lessen the strain. Young Mr. Mule lay quietly on his side while the shoe was being put on.

OIL THEORY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IS EXPLODED

That all the efforts being made by individuals and organized companies in Southeast Missouri to uncover fabulous oil deposits in any paying quantities will prove futile is the opinion of Prof. J. C. Logan, of the Department of Agriculture at the Teachers College, who delivered an address on "Development of Lowlands in Southeast Missouri," at the regular monthly meeting of the College Faculty Club, last night at the college.

Prof. Logan based his opinion on the examination of the deposit which have been made in Southeast Missouri since the beginning of time, and in which he stated there could be found no evidence of the deposits from which oil comes. Evidences of the deposits of the Silurian, Ordovician and Cambrian period, which contain any oil deposits which may be present in the country. Of course, where there is any decaying matter, a certain amount of oil deposits may be found, but not in paying qualities. This also applies to coal deposits."

The Southeast Missouri lowlands have been swept and washed by the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to such an extent that it is believed that this deposit of the so-called middle period has been removed by the frequent erosions, the college professor stated. Deposits of sand one hundred feet in depth, which could have come from no place except one of the two rivers, have been found and the supposition is that these carboniferous deposits have been carried away by the almost incessant combat with the waters, it was stated. The fact that the Mississippi at an earlier date ran west and south from Cape Girardeau, and that the Ohio river ran through what is now Commerce, and by Dexter in Stoddard County, is evidence enough, Prof. Logan said, to prove that this section of the country with a few exceptions was completely washed at an early date.

In his talk Prof. Logan told of the formation of the two great lowlands in Southeast Missouri, the Advance Lowlands, named after the city of that name in Stoddard county, and the Cairo Lowlands, also called after that city in Illinois. According to his statements the Advance Lowland was formed by erosions of the Mississippi, while the Cairo Lowlands was formed by the erosions of the Ohio. Crow-

ley's Ridge, and Hickory Ridge, other elevations which at one time were parts of Crowley's Ridge, are the only 'high' places in the lowlands, he stated, with the exception of the so-called "Lost Hills" in the southern part of this section. Prof. Logan explained that these were probably formed by the erosions of the tributaries of the Mississippi, which he said ran through Southeast Missouri like a net-work.

"Old Field," located near Advance, a subject for debate as to its probable origin, last night was explained by the college professor, as just a basin which has been left in the Advance Lowlands, and he said did not likely come about as a result of any earthquake as is sometimes thought. The college man also stated that he did not think that any of the lowlands or hills were formed by the earthquake in 1811, which shook the central part of the United States.

"In some parts of these lowlands," Prof. Logan stated, "the land is lower than the Mississippi river itself. This is especially true near Delta, where it is nearly twenty feet lower than the river." That the Mississippi river might at some time change its comparatively new course back to the old one going southwest from Cape Girardeau, was expressed by Prof. Logan, but he intimated that this might be overcome in this modern time by the use of levees. As further evidence of the newness of the present bed of the Mississippi, he gave as an illustration, the width of the river at Thebes, where little signs of erosion can be seen.

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The road to the ground through Vanduser is now being put in order and the Semo Company are building a private road right up to their property that those interested may visit the workers at any time and see the drill in operation.

The first test well being sunk is an 18-inch well and will be the largest ever sunk in Southeast Missouri. Other wells are to follow on different leases controlled by the Semo Development Ass'n., and their geologist feels absolutely certain that oil in paying quantity will be found on their leases. This will mean much to this section of Missouri and put the stockholders on easy street. There has never been an oil well sunk but what outside capital furnished the money and if oil was found reaped the benefit. Only a limited amount of stock has been sold outside of the Sikeston District. Those who have purchased the stock of the Semo Development Co. did so to help develop the country and at the same time get the benefits of oil in paying quantities is found.

**POLES WHIP A LEGISLATOR
WHO MISREPRESENTED THEM**

Warsaw, April 1.—Peasants of Western Galicia have set a new fashion of using the cat-o'-nine-tails to rebuke a Legislator who failed to carry out the wishes of the voters of his district.

Michael Marek, a peasant member of the Polish Diet, went home to Galicia recently to report progress of his work. A special meeting was called by his constituents to hear all that their leader had accomplished.

Incidentally, Marek informed those assembled that he had voted in favor of an upper house, or senate, for Poland's next diet, which virtually all peasants of the State opposed, considering it the future stronghold of social reactions.

Marek was permitted to finish his speech—then he was taken out into the yard and given 25 strokes with a home-made cat-o'-nine-tails, for voting against the judgment of his constituents.

Luke Mathewson notices where a lady at Tickville one day last week entertained with a miscellaneous shower, but he has been unable to find any record of such in the almanac.

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We find that our modern family laundry service most appeals to the most particular people.

We're sure, therefore, it will appeal to you. You'll appreciate the quality of it, and you'll be pleased with its economy, too.

And it saves you time as well as money—we wash and iron everything but a few pieces which you can easily iron at home.

Try this new wash-way—bundle up everything that needs washing and phone us tomorrow.

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**UTILITIES COMPANY
GRANTED A RAISE**

Jefferson City, March 31.—Electricity rates in sixteen towns in Southeast Missouri served by the Public Utilities Company, were ordered increased today by the Missouri Public Commission. An increase in water rates at Cape Girardeau also was granted. The towns affected and the percentage of increase follow: Cape Girardeau, water, 20 per cent; electricity, 4½ per cent; Charleston, 13.9; Sikeston, 7.6; Chaffee, Dexter, Dudley, East Prairie, Fisk, Illinois, Fornell, Morehouse, Oran, Morley Blodgett and Bertrand all 10.6 per cent increase on light.

The Utilities Commission retained jurisdiction and may if there is a big decrease in the cost of fuel or labor, reduced these rates. The new rates are to become effective April 6. The cases have been pending since April 23, 1920. The increase granted approximate 30 per cent of the raises asked by the company, which serves all of the towns named.

**WOULD MAKE TARIFF RELIEVE
FARMERS OF FREIGHT BURDEN**

Washington, April 1.—Protection for the farmers on an equality with manufacturers and industrial interests in any tariff policy which is to be decided upon and adding to any rates which may be levied "an amount equal to the extra freight charges in getting products to the consuming centers" is urged in a statement by Secretary Wallace. The "heavy additional burden" imposed on the producers by increased freight rates, the Secretary declared "are a differential imposed upon our own producers and to the benefit of our foreign competitors."

Manufacturers are "naturally and properly" laying plans to meet foreign competition in the world markets and desire a tariff to protect them against cheap foreign goods, Wallace asserted, but he insisted that the situation facing the producers "must be considered" in any tariff legislation, whether emergency or permanent. Producers, he said, are getting prices below cost of production, "not alone because of inactive business conditions at home, but because of the importations of competing foreign markets."

The nation "cannot afford to permit the breaking down of its own agriculture," the Secretary continued, "even if for a time we can buy food and other farm products cheaper from some one else." At present, he said, there is a large surplus of agricultural products, but "this will not continue, because the population is growing and consumption will catch up with production."

Napoleon's Palace a Public Resort.

Vienna, April 2.—Schoenbrunn, the imperial chateau where once dwelt Maria Theresa and where Napoleon Bonaparte planned his 1805 and 1809 campaigns in Austria, will be turned over to the people of Vienna as a public monument and recreation ground. Belvidere Palace, another noble chateau in this city, may become a gambling casino, according to reports. It is considered one of the most beautiful estates in Austria.

Sunflower Seed Good Price.

The first shipment of six cars of second grade sunflower seed from the warehouses of the Southeast Missouri Co-operative Sunflower Growers Association, went to the Trenton mill of the American Cotton Oil Co. recently. This lot of seed has been sold f. o. b. loading station at a good price. Recent chemical analysis of the meal show that its feeding value is virtually the same as cotton seed meal.

Laboratory tests of sunflower seed oil are said to have been so successful that it is believed here and entirely new and almost unlimited market has been developed for the second grade seed which heretofore has been used only in mixed and scratch feeds and then only in limited quantities.

The growers' association, headed by the Farm Bureau Federation, is using every effort to have sunflower seed included in the list of articles on which a tariff is to be placed by congress. A tariff of 2 cents a pound on seed and 20 cents a gallon on the oil is being asked.—West Plains Gazette.

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new rates for subscription effective
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and adjoining counties \$2.00Yearly subscription elsewhere in
United States \$2.50No renewal allowed at present rate
for longer than one year.Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATIONThe parties from Sikeston who
have been visiting certain parties in
the vicinity of Salcedo and Tanner
and returning with bootleg whiskey
are known. The parties in the vicin-
ity of Salcedo and Tanner make reg-
ular trips via the Gulf line, south,
and return with heavily laden valises.
A hint to the wise is sufficient.W. C. Morse, superintendent of the
Missouri Division of the Missouri Pacific,
with headquarters in Poplar Bluff has tendered his resignation of
that position, having accepted the position
of vice-president and general
manager of the Louisiana Railroad &
Navigation Company, which railroad
operates between Shreveport and New
Orleans—a road of about 600 miles.
His new headquarters will be at
Shreveport.

Whom Does It Represent?

In view of the fight that is being waged by the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs for the "pork-barreling" of the \$60,000,000 road bond funds among the counties of the state, it is pertinent to ask and demand unequivocal answers to these questions:

What is the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs? What recognized commercial clubs of the state are members of it, pay dues and authorize A. Lyman Donlin and I. R. Kelso, both of St. Louis by the way, to voice officially its sentiment on all matters of importance? What commercial clubs are represented by the gentlemen whose names are signed to the published statement opposing the primary road plan? For instance, what organization in St. Louis County is represented by Sam D. Hodgdon, by Louis N. Renfrow and E. P. Lampkin in St. Louis, and Heber Nations in Cole County?

All those mentioned have an indisputable right to voice their individual opinions as to the best manner of spending the \$60,000,000 road money, but since they set forth that they represent the commercial clubs of Missouri, the progressive citizens of the state most certainly have the right to ask for their credentials. Are they authorized to speak for the commercial clubs of St. Joseph, Joplin, Springfield, Chillicothe, Caruthersville, Marshall, Fulton, Fayette, Jefferson City, Mexico, Sedalia, Sikeston and Moberly?

The questions are inspired by the fact that charges have been made and up to this time not satisfactorily answered that the Missouri Federation of Commercial Clubs is a mere skeleton organization, of composed chiefly of Messrs. Donlin and Kelso and representing but a mere handful of Missourians. The Star does not pretend to know the actual situation with reference to its strength and in order that the state may be enabled to obtain a correct estimate of it, throws its columns open to Mr. Kelso and Mr. Donlin, not for generalities and propaganda, but for actual corroborated proofs that it does represent the commercial interests of the state or any considerable part of them.

Until this evidence is forthcoming in conclusive form, we suggest that statements emanating from the Missouri Federation be regarded merely as the private opinions of the gentlemen whose names are attached and treated for what they are worth as individual expressions.—St. Louis Star.

The Irish Problem.

"Sir Philip Gibbs is a friend of mine," said Father Duffy in his Sunday night lecture on the Irish question. "I admire him very much for his personal qualities and for his work." Father Duffy had already shown his friendship by pleading for fair play at a turbulent Gibbs meeting. At the same hour Sir Philip was paying a tribute to Father Duffy as "a gallant man, a gentleman and a sportsman". By thus proving that an Englishman and an American of Irish blood who favors the Irish public can discuss the future of the hapless island in a kindly spirit, maintaining the courtesies of debate while sharply disagreeing as to politics—that they can even agree on one thing, which is that there should be no war between the United States and Great Britain—these eminent debaters have rendered a service to their countrymen and blood brothers in a troublous time. For that is the spirit in which the Irish question must be settled, whenever it is settled and no matter how. Peace will not come by shooting police officers in their beds or by equally bloody reprisals against Sinn Fein towns. The trouble must be ended by debate, discussions and decision in which the ordinary decenties are observed, or it will never be ended.—New York World.

The sale of intoxicating drinks was prohibited in England as early as the reign of the Saxon King Edgar, who closed hundreds of ale houses. The Missouri Farm Bureau Federation will shortly distribute sample Farm Bureau buttons to each of the counties in Missouri. These buttons have been adopted by the American Farm Bureau Federation Executive Committee and are recommended to all counties in the United States.

The Mississippi River Commission is to complete the Levee on St. John Bayou Bottom and thereby protect from possible overflow 200,000 acres of land in New Madrid, Scott and Mississippi counties from overflow, for all time. New Madrid business men are looking forward to the big trade that will come to us in a couple of years. The land to be reclaimed is the most fertile in the United States and will be quickly made the homes of thousands of prosperous farmers.—New Madrid Record.

Will Land Values Drop?

You who own land or are thinking of buying, lately have wondered, "Are land values going to depreciate along with the general deflation of prices?" The value of farm land during the past year decreased seven per cent, says the Department of Agriculture. Here is its estimate of the average value of an acre of plow land in the United States:

March 1, 1914.....	\$52.94
March 1, 1916.....	58.00
March 1, 1917.....	62.17
March 1, 1918.....	68.38
March 1, 1919.....	74.31
March 1, 1920.....	90.01
March 1, 1921.....	83.78

The drop in farm land values has been greatest in southern states—22 per cent in Georgia and 24 per cent in Kentucky. That's due to the cotton and tobacco situation.

Iowa has the highest-priced farm land—averaging \$200 an acre, compared with \$219 a year ago. The lowest rate of decline was in was in western states. California, Oregon and Colorado even showed an increase.

Farm land values, however, are higher now than in any year up to 1920. The slump is due to the crash in prices of farm products. Whether the slump will continue during the next few years, depends on the selling price of farm products.

Probably the depreciation is only temporary. Single taxers, at least, will claim so. Their theory is that the trend of land values, as population becomes more dense, is always upward and that land values steadily absorb all increase in wealth produced by man's labor and inventiveness.

As for city land, it is subject to the same economic laws as farm land.

Land may decline in value, as measured by dollars, in line with general lowering of cost of living, but the owner doesn't really lose, for his dollars will buy more.—Missouri State Journal.

Hog Cholera Can Be Prevented.

The prevalence of hog cholera is not only unnecessary but is due to poor management and lack of co-operation among owners of hogs. This is the opinion of Professor J. C. Logan of the Department of Agriculture in the Southeast Missouri State College.

Mr. Logan is an expert in methods of hog cholera prevention and spent a part of last week working with County Agent Hensley of New Madrid Co., in demonstrating methods of hog cholera vaccination. He finds that

he disease is pretty well controlled through Southeast Missouri. He says, however, that all owners of herds should vaccinate whenever there is possibility of a spread of the disease. Owners should not await until the disease appears in their herds before vaccinating. Mr. Logan is keenly interested in stamping out hog cholera throughout Southeast Missouri. He will work with all the county agents of this section to this end whenever they call on him.

Americans Sentenced in Bergdoll Kidnapping Released.

Washington, March 31.—The War Department today announced that Carl Nauj and Franz Zimmer, the two Americans imprisoned in Germany for an attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft deserter, were released at noon today.

The release was ordered by the Berlin Foreign Office, Brigadier-General H. T. Allen, commanding at Coblenz, reported. The German Commissioner at Coblenz, after a telephone conversation with Berlin, notified Gen. Allen at noon today that the sentences had been remitted "pending good behavior," and that the men probably would reach Coblenz tomorrow.

A good thing to remember these days is that Socialism, I. W. W.-ism, Communism, Bolshevism and Nonpartisan Leagueism are all alike in their ultimate outcome. They all mean the forcible taking from the people of the things which they possess and the substitution of the despotism of a class for our free Republican-Democratic institutions.—Iola Register.

It is a far cry from lifting a tack by means of magnetism to the lifting of massive iron plates weighing four, six and twelve tons by this same force, which is now done every working day in a number of large steel works. Electromagnetism, of course, it utilized, the form of the magnet being usually rectangular for this work and presenting a flat surface to the plates lifted. The magnets are suspended by chains from cranes, and pick up the plates by simple contact. The metal plates can be lifted by the magnet while still so hot that it would be impossible for men to handle them. The ratio of weight lifted varies with the machine; in some cases this ratio is 30. A magnet is operated by current from a dynamo, controlled by switches and rheostats.

GERMANY "PREPARES"
SAYS FRENCH LEADER

Paris, March 27.—Marshal Foyolle, who commanded the French group of armies at the battle of the Somme and later commanded French divisions on the Italian front, declared in an exclusive interview today that Germany is earnestly preparing for a new war, and that unless the allies took firm action at once they never would carry out the Versailles treaty.

"The Germans are pursuing military preparations in an underhanded manner," the French warrior declared, "and the allies must act with determination now, for later Germany will be so strong that we will be unable to impose our will upon her."

Official information received from Germany shows that despite the stipulation of the treaty our former allies have not discontinued aggressive preparations. They are camouflaging cannon and machine guns, and above all, are forwarding a huge aviation programme.

"We forbade them to build war airplanes, but permitted them to continue the manufacture of commercial machines. Anyone knows how easily these could be transformed in a few hours to bombing planes."

"It may be expected that in the next conflict, immediately war is declared and perhaps even before, London and Paris will be deluged with bombs from these commercial air squadrons."

"The Germans then will bomb factories and railroads, hampering mobilization and frightening the population. The Germans are not charged by war. Some day one of the Hohenzollerns will return to Berlin. Everything seems bent now toward a crisis."

"Germany always will remain the same, tenacious and industrious, but cunning and pugnacious. Some people train wolves as watch dogs, but eventually they become wolves again."

"I don't speak in this way through hatred for the Germans. I do not hate them. I wish they were quite different. But they have just given us fresh proof of their dishonesty by refusing to fulfill their agreement concerning payment of the war indemnity they owe."

"The allies should treat Germany exactly as a creditor treats an unscrupulous debtor—take guarantees and hold them until the debt is paid in full."

"We already have one guarantee—the Rhineland—which we will not leave until Germany completely has discharged her debt, for it is a question of life and death with us."

"If Germany persists in refusing after May 1, we may take further guarantees. Our plan contemplates the occupation of Frankfort and the seizure of state property, mines, railways and customs."

"The Germans falsify when they declare they are economically ruined. Her exports are on the increase and even the exchange rates favor her commercial expansion."

"Some one has said that two nations gained the real victories of the great war—England, who obtained the German colonies and the destruction of the German fleet, and Germany, who was enable to complete and strengthen her unity. This is near the truth. France is really the vanquished nation."

"If our statesmen yield on the

issue of the Rhineland, we will be

question of reparations we will consider them treacherous."

Mrs. Ellen Thiele came in from St. Louis Wednesday night for a visit with Mrs. James Nester.

Miss Cleo Young left Thursday afternoon for Parma, where she will visit several days with relatives.

Everett Dye left Tuesday night for Clinton, Mo., where he has accepted a position. Mrs. Dye and children expect to join him later.

John Dameron, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Candace Plott and family, returned Thursday to his home in Colfax, Illinois.

Lieut. Arthur Girard Hamilton, son of Mrs. Belle Edmondson of this city, was married in St. Louis Saturday to Miss Miriam Hunter of San Antonio, Texas.

Young Hamilton has been in the U. S. Air service since the beginning of the war, serving as instructor in aviation fields.

Young Hamilton established a world's record for parachute leaping at Chanute Field, on March 23, when he dropped 24,000 feet.

HIDES WE BUY ALL KINDS.—
WALPOLES MARKET.

FOR SALE—Mosler Safe, 6 feet high, width 44 depth 30 in. Inside dimensions 43 high, width 28 in, depth 12 in. Same as New.—L. M. Hill, Parma, Missouri.

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Owing to unsettled market conditions we would advise everyone to hold their poultry until market conditions change.

We will have a car here on

Friday and Saturday
April 15 and 16

and will as usual pay the highest market prices. Prices will be announced at a later date.

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A Tonic
For Women

"I was hardly able to drag, I was so weakened," writes Mrs. W. F. Ray, of Easley, S. C. "The doctor treated me for about two months, still I didn't get any better. I had a large family and felt I surely must do something to enable me to take care of my little ones. I had heard of

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"I decided to try it," continues Mrs. Ray . . . "I took eight bottles in all . . . I regained my strength and have had no more trouble with womanly weakness. I have ten children and am able to do all my housework and a lot outdoors . . . I can sure recommend Cardui."

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Charles M. Barnes of Marston was a business visitor in New Madrid Tuesday of last week.

Miss Hester Davis of Jonesboro, Ark., visited many of her friends and associates in New Madrid last week.

Fred Weigle of Arizona arrived the first of last week on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Weigle of this city.

Mrs. D. C. Wells of Malden arrived Wednesday of last week to spend a few days with her daughter, Miss Helen Wells.

Rivers Hampton of St. Louis joined his family here last week and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hampton of this city.

Mr. Kinder of Cape Girardeau was in New Madrid last week looking after the interest of the Southeast Missouri paper of that city.

Julian N. Friant of Cape Girardeau and Mr. Barnes of St. Louis Chamber of Commerce were the principal speakers at a meeting held in New Madrid Wednesday night of last week in the interest of the Farm Bureau movement. A sumptuous banquet preceded the meeting.

Supt. R. H. Long received notice Tuesday of last week from Miss Mary Kochitzky of the Art Department of Cape Girardeau, State Teachers College that Opal Riggs and Oretta Pharris had won prizes in Health Poster Contest. Opal won first prize in Division 5 and Corett, third in Division 2.

Mrs. S. B. Hunter Sr., and Mrs. Harold E. Hunter entertained at the Hamilton Hotel Wednesday afternoon of last week with fourteen tables for Five Hundred. The dining room was attractively decorated with Dogwood blossoms. A chicken lunch salad, olives, celery, coffee and mints were served. Mrs. W. R. Pinnell, making the highest score was awarded the first prize, a sofa pillow. The second prize, a hand embroidered collar and cuff set was awarded to Mrs. S. R. Hunter Jr.

Sheriff Ambrose Kerr and his deputies J. H. Crabb, Claude Kerr and Constable Guy Humphreys returned Monday of last week from Farmington, where they had taken Charles Hall and John Odum to the State Hospital No. 4. Both men had become mentally unbalanced and were raving maniacs. The sheriff speaks very highly of this institution and insists that every person in Southeast Missouri should visit it, that they may know how well the State is caring for these mentally afflicted unfortunate.

The Parma Bank, a corporation of New Madrid County and J. C. Hon of New Madrid County: \$1/2 of lot 4 block 6 in City of Parma. \$1600.00.

Gideon-Angerson Lumber & Mercantile Company of Gideon, New Madrid County, to Robert B. Meentemeyer of New Madrid County: All of lot 6 and \$1/2 of lot 5 in block 12 town of Gideon, New Madrid County, Mo. \$550.00.

Himmelberger-Harrison Land Selling Company of Cape Girardeau, to Marion W. Mayes of Tallapoosa: All that portion of the N1/2 of the SE1/4 section 36 twp. 22, range 11, laying east of the right-of-way of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, except however a strip of land 88 feet wide off of the east side of said tract, being north of the base line and east of the Fifth P. M. containing 74.90 acres \$5,617.50.

Emma C. Howser, et al of Champaign County, Ill., to Spencer E. Huff of Champaign County, Ill.: The E1/2 of sec. 19, twp. 23, range 13. \$16,677.76.

T. A. Stewart of New Madrid Co.

ty to J. N. Barnes and wife of New Madrid County, all of lot 7 and the E1/2 of lot 8 block 7 City of Portageville. \$1350.

Jesse F. Cox of Scott County to W. C. Boardman of Scott County: All of the SW1/4 sec. 19, twp. 24, range 14 containing 155 acres. \$20,000.00

James C. Durbin of New Madrid County to C. W. McGee of New Madrid County: All of the NE1/4 sec. 32 twp. 24 range 13, lying west of the center of the drainage ditch running across said sec. 32 containing 92.96 acres \$8,585.00.

W. S. Edwards of New Madrid County to W. B. Rossiter of New Madrid County: The NE1/4 sec. 30 twp. 24 range 15 containing 160 acres \$6400.00.

W. L. Denton to Taylor Welshans of New Madrid County: Lot 3 block 16 City of Lilbourn. \$75.00.

R. H. Trout of Chillicothe, Peoria County, Ill., to James W. Tyson of New Madrid County, Mo., all of the E1/2 of SE1/4 sec. 34, twp. 21, range 13 containing 80 acres. \$4800.00.

William Alexander of New Madrid County to D. T. Teal of New Madrid County: Lot 8, block 1 in the Clayton Addition to the town of Gideon, Mo. \$1500.00.

Ella B. Winders of New Madrid County to John W. Gullion of New Madrid County: All of the undivided one-fifth int. of in and to the NE1/4 of SW1/4 also known as lot 1 in the N1/2 of SW1/4 sec. 7 twp. 23, range 16 containing 40 acres. \$500.00.

Marriage License. Walter Hughes and Gracie York of Kewanee.

Raymond L. Harrell and Lester Davis, both of Parma.

Jack Hawkins and Rosa Dunn both of Portageville.

Welton Marshall and Rebecca R. Crevoisier, both of Conran.

Harry C. Blanton and little Miss Rosemary returned Saturday from a visit with Mrs. Blanton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dailey of Bay City, Michigan.

Ruskin and Levi Cook spent Sunday in Cairo, Levi going over to Dr. Dunn for examination for eye trouble. The doctor found a tiny sliver of steel embedded in the ball of one eye.

MATTHEWS ITEMS

Mrs. M. M. Fox returned to her home in Lilbourn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz went to Sikeston Friday on business.

Ray Crosby has sold out his cafe Charles McMullin of Louisville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Chiles on March 26th a fine baby girl.

Mrs. Robert Ball was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gossett Tuesday.

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Mesdames C. D. Grimes and Roy Owen of St. Louis are guests of their aunt, Mrs. W. H. Deane.

Messrs. G. F. Deane, G. D. Steele, Bob and Horrell Hunter motored to Sikeston Tuesday on business.

Mrs. S. S. Huhls and daughter Miss Christine of Canalou are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Huhls and family this week.

Mrs. Ownes, who has been attending the revival at the Nazarine church, returned to her home in Morehouse Wednesday.

Mesdames Vicks, Owen and Sayville and Mr. Owen of Morehouse were in Matthews Wednesday and attended services at the Nazarene church that night.

Mr. L. Deane has moved his family on the Marr farm about one-half mile south of Matthews. Mr. Marr and family will live in Mr. Deane's home in Matthews.

One of the most enjoyable events in the social circle was a weiner roast and hay ride given Friday night by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll at their beautiful country home one mile north of Matthews. Mr. Carroll had huge fires built in their pretty park, hickory sticks were provided for each guest to roast their own weiners and marshmallows. After the out-door sports were fully enjoyed, the guests were invited into the house, which was beautifully decorated in colors and flowers harmonizing with the Easter tide. One of the evening features that created a great deal of merriment, was a limited time given to the guests to pick up a dozen colored Easter eggs, one at the time and carry them across the room. The one accomplishing the feat in the shortest length of time was given an Easter chicken, which was awarded to Frank Myer, who made the time in one minute and two ticks. The booby prize, a little duck, was awarded to the one taking the longest time to carry the eggs, which was won by Clarence Stewart. Many other games were indulged in and the following guests departed at a late hour, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Carroll most admirable entertainers: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stewart, Mr. and W. A. Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ratcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz, G. F. Deane, Mrs. Albert Deane, Misses Willa and Lillie Deane, Phillips McAdoo, Eva Cochran, Vera Roberts, Clara and Alice Deane, Messrs. C. L. Yates, Frank Sutton and Aubrey Shain.

STEVE BURKE NOTED EVANGELIST DIES

Rev. Joseph Stevens Burke of Kansas City, Kansas, died last Friday in a hospital in Gainesville, Texas, after having undergone an operation for gall stones.

Rev. Burke is well remembered in Bloomfield, having conducted an evangelistic campaign in this city in the spring of 1913. During the Burke and Hobbs revival several hundred were added to the churches of the city and churches nearby.

In the early days in Oklahoma he was a deputy United States Marshal and has seen much of the seamy side of life.

During the twenty-two years of his evangelistic work he has witnessed more than one hundred thousand conversions. He has been ill health for some time and before he entered the hospital he was forced to deliver his sermons sitting down. His home was in Kansas City, Kas.—Bloomfield Vindicator.

Many pigs are lost and others are stunted in growth as the result of exposure because of high sills in front of hog pens. This is the observation of a Nebraska swine grower in letter to the United States Department of Agriculture on the cause of runty live stock. He urges that stockmen examine their equipment, and be certain that small pigs are able to follow the sows into the pens. Attention to balanced rations, sanitation, and pure water are likewise mentioned as methods of preventing runts.

McMullin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Simpson had business at Oran Friday.

The following young people attended the declamatory contest at Vanduser Friday night: Misses Lilly Crutchfield, Juanita Carpenter, Nellie Clifford, Lillian and Clyta Ancell, Irene and Lucille Inman and Messrs. Frank Kindred, Clyde Matthews, Cecil Crutchfield and Lynn Ancell.

Clestine Finley and family attended church here Sunday of last week.

The cold snap has played havoc with gardens and young chickens.

Ralph Ancell made a flying trip to Charleston Monday of last week.

Mrs. Ruby Tanner and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Love this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges of Sikeston were dinner guests of Mrs. Clifford Sunday.

Miss Blanche Hopper entertained some of our very popular young folks Sunday evening.

Tom Stublefield attended the funeral of Mr. Coleman Friday of last week in Sikeston.

Lynn Waggoner of Charleston seems to like McMullin as he visits here quite frequently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Freeman of Sikeston were visitors in our neighborhood Sunday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan were given a surprise party Monday of last week by the youngsters. All had a fine time.

We hope the cold wave will not interfere with the progress of our "Stars" one young hopeful was injured by a ball Sunday.

Well, the McMullin stars played their initial game of baseball Sunday of last week. It was not a very fast game on account of the enclement weather, but held them to a score of 2-1 for five innings in favor of the fans, but the sixth inning it began to rain and the stars got the run on the fans and then lost the score book.

Combined with a new detachable clip for fountain pens is a reel of blotting paper to enable the pen to be used by travelers.

TONELLI SCORES IN POPLAR BLUFF

It will doubtless be of interest to the many Chaffee patrons who enjoyed the recent performance of "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie" given there by the Sikeston Community Players" to know that something of the truth has leaked out concerning Geo. L. Tonelli, whom it will be remembered, gave a masterful portrayal of the difficult role "Matthew Martin", the grasping Yankee.

Mr. Tonelli, or professionally speaking, Dr. Tonelli, is one of the leading physicians of Sikeston, where he has enjoyed a splendid practice dating almost from the very time of his locating there, some years ago, he is widely known and highly respected though but few, if any, of his intimate acquaintances have heretofore known that in his earlier days, before finally settling down to the practice of his chosen profession, he arose in the musical world to the height of an opera star.

It is purely because of the doctor's own modesty and his reluctance in speaking of his past achievements that this fact has remained unknown to his neighbors and it probably would not be known at this time had he not accepted an invitation to appear in the "Elk's Minstrels" at the Fraternity Theater in Poplar Bluff last Monday night, where his marvelous voice was instantly recognized as being very unusual and which brought about inquiries resulting in his recognition as being the same George Tonelli, who some years ago, toured the country with his name billed in letter six feet high.

Of late the doctor has turned a deaf ear to all professional advances and now uses his wonderful voice only for his own satisfaction and for the pleasure of his friends. He has not sang in previous performance of "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie", but at the urgent request of director Trippett has promised to do so at the next production, which will be presented in Oran, Wednesday night, April 6th.—Chaffee Signal.

Wouldn't Pull It.

The girl walked briskly into the store and dropped her bag on the counter. "Give me a chicken," she said.

"Do you want a pullet?" the storekeeper asked.

"No," the girl replied. "I want a carry it."

Combined with a new detachable clip for fountain pens is a reel of blotting paper to enable the pen to be used by travelers.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF STATE OF MISSOURI

Sedalia, Mo.—As a means of including the attendance of Missourians, also former Missourians, from everywhere at the Centennial celebration of the admission of their Fairchild at and with the Missouri State Fair here August 8-20, 1921, the Centennial Committee of the Chamber of Commerce has appropriated from its promotion fund \$1,000 in cash to cover the appended list of prizes and the incidental registration tests:

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\$25 to such man or woman who trav-

els second longest distance.

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Miss Emma Joe Hawkins went to Lilburn Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and son spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Weatherford of White Oak were Matthews visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Linn Linn Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Alville Fulkerston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Reed Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele and sons were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Midgett of Keweenaw visited Mr. and Mrs. James Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Linn Swartz attended the meeting of the Macabees at Sikeston last Wednesday.

Messrs. G. D. Steele, G. F. Deane and Earl Swartz motored to Catron Saturday on business.

Miss Wava Shanks of Crowe District and Roy King of Fairview were Matthews visitors Sunday.

Quite a number of people from Morehouse attended services at the Nazarine church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunott had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Levi Proudry and Rev. A. J. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hershinger left Friday for Lilburn on a visit to Mrs. Hershinger's grandmother, Mrs. Louis Lee.

Misses Phyllis McAdoo, Eva Cochran, Vera Roberts, Messrs Frank Sutton and C. L. Yates motored to Lilburn Sunday.

Mesdames Gladden of Batesville, Louisiana, R. E. Conyers and little son Charles were guests of Mrs. Louis Hunott Thursday.

Mrs. John Rauh and children returned Thursday from Arkansas, where they have been the past few weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Ozella Gossitt, who is attending school at Sikeston, spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt.

Mrs. S. S. Huhles and daughter, Miss Christine, returned to their home in Canalou after a few days visit here with Mr. and Mrs. James Huhles.

The Freight on a Car of Potatoes From Minn. Is \$110 More than Potatoes.

Just what the present freight rates mean to the effort of retailers to reduce the cost of living will be better understood when it is known that the freight on a carload of seed potatoes shipped from Minnesota to Poplar Bluff is \$110 more than the jobber received from the potatoes. This is what happened last week when the Allison Merc. Co. bought a car of Burals and had them shipped from Minnesota to this city. The freight amounted to \$110 more than they paid the jobbers for the car of potatoes. The railroads through their high operating costs are strangling agricultural production and at the same time are holding at a high level the cost of food and other articles to the consumer.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

The rainiest spot on earth is the Waipo Valley, in Hawaii, where the precipitation averages one inch a day. The district of Hualalai, on the same island, has a rainfall of but 20 inches a year.

Sile Kildew and wife took a shoebox full of butter to town Saturday and as she had a pound of right old butter left over she went around and presented it to the editor with a few kind remarks.

The United States Bureau of Chemistry finds that the poison of poison ivy is one of the most powerful known in the vegetable world. People have been known to die from too liberal a contact with it. It is present in all parts of the plant, and if taken internally is extremely dangerous.

It goes without saying that our domesticated ducks are derived from species originally wild. They are mostly mallards of European and American varieties. Our long-legged so-called "Indian runner duck" is descended from a stock not satisfactorily identified.

The contract for paving Third and Main Streets of Lilburn for a distance of five blocks was let by the Lilburn City Council Saturday night to J. F. Cox and R. A. McCord of Sikeston, who also have the contract for building the east half of the Lilburn-Parmarock road, for the sum of \$7,684.05. The contractors filed their bond, signed by Sam G. Ballard, which was accepted by the council. Mr. Cox stated that as soon as the piece of road south of the Cotton Belt was finished and he figured this would be accomplished this week, providing rain did not interfere, work on the Lilburn paving would be commenced. The contract calls for the completion of the project within 80 days.—Lilburn Herald.

The debating team of Oran High School, having won the championship of Southeast Missouri, will debate with the Carthage team, champions of Southwest Missouri, Friday, April 8th, for the South Missouri honors. The question "Resolved that a Federal Law Providing for Compulsory Arbitration Between Employer and Employee Is Wise and Feasible." The Oran debaters are Jean Zimmerman and Miss Abbie Boutwell. Superintendent R. A. Moyers will accompany the team to Carthage. The winners in this debate will debate the champions of North Missouri at Columbia, May 1st.

WANTED—To rent a house with about five rooms and bath. Call Rambo. Tel. 249.

FOR RENT—Five rooms and bath, heat, water and lights. Apply to Girard Dover, Citizens Bank. 2tpd.

Frank Shanks & Son. 2t. pd.

FOR SALE

Massey-Harris Binder, comparatively new, cut only 60 acres.

1 Rock Island Corn Planter. 6
1 Disc Harrow.
2 Sulky Plows, Oliver and John Deere makes.

2 Farm Wagons, Weber International make.

The above implement used only season of 1920 and are in A-1 order.

We can use your cash or take good note.

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THE RURAL GRADUATE DAY AT BENTON

The regular eight months schools of the County will close Friday, April 22nd, but the final County examinations will be given Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th. The questions for the 8th grade will be furnished by the State Superintendent, the County Superintendent will supply the 7th grade questions. After the teachers have given the examinations and graded the papers, the grade reports and the papers must be sent to the County Superintendent to review. Pupils who passed the 7th grade final examinations last year and whose grades are recorded in the Superintendent's office, need to pass only the 8th grade this year in order to graduate. Pupils who have no grades recorded will have to pass examination in both grades to graduate this year. No pupil may be admitted to both examinations who has not spent 2 years in Class "A".

County graduating exercises will be held at Benton, Saturday, April 23. Program will be as follows:

9:30 Final county 7th and 8th grade declamatory contest (4 contestants)

10:20 Final county high school declamatory contest (4 contestants)

11:10 Class address and presentation of diplomas to county graduates.

1:00 County track meets (one meet for grade pupils and one for high school pupils).

There will be two county track meets held simultaneously on graduation day, April 23rd, commencing at 1:00 o'clock, one for high school pupils only and one for 7th and 8th grade pupils only. There will be 8 events as follows:

50, 100 and 200 yard dashes, 440 yard relay (4 men), shot put (8-pound shot), standing and running broad and running high jumps. Each school may enter not more than two men in each event (relay excepted of course). A first place will count 5 points, 2nd, 3rd, 2 and 4th, 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Sexton were visitors in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Josephine Veith returned Sunday from a brief stay in Diehlstadt.

Mrs. C. O. Scott and Mrs. Dick Swanner were visitors in Morehouse Thursday.

Misses Pearl De Witt and Jess Bolling of Lilburn visited Miss Maggie Matthews over Sunday.

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OIL THEORY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IS EXPLODED

That all the efforts being made by individuals and organized companies in Southeast Missouri to uncover fabulous oil deposits in any paying quantities will prove futile is the opinion of Prof. J. C. Logan, of the Department of Agriculture at the Teachers College, who delivered and addressed on "Development of Lowlands in Southeast Missouri," at the regular monthly meeting of the College Faculty Club, last night at the college.

Prof. Logan based his opinion on the examination of the deposit which have been made in Southeast Missouri since the beginning of time, and in which he stated there could be found no evidence of the deposits from which oil comes. "Evidences of the deposits of the Silurian, Ordovician and Cambrian period, the earliest periods, can be found," he said "and also of the Tertiary period, which is the latest depositary period, but nowhere can be found and deposited of the Carboniferous period, which contain any oil deposits which may be present in the country. Of course, where there is any decaying matter, a certain amount of oil deposits may be found, but not in paying qualities. This also applies to coal deposits."

The Southeast Missouri lowlands have been swept and washed by the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to such an extent that it is believed that this deposit of the so-called middle period has been removed by the frequent erosions, the college professor stated. Deposits of sand one hundred feet in depth, which could have come from no place except one of the two rivers, have been found and the supposition is that these carboniferous deposits have been carried away by the almost incessant combat with the waters, it was stated. The fact that the Mississippi at an earlier date ran west and south from Cape Girardeau, and that the Ohio river ran through what is now Commerce, and by Dexter in Stoddard County, is evidence enough, Prof. Logan said, to prove that this section of the country with a few exceptions was completely washed at an early date.

In his talk Prof. Logan told of the formation of the two great lowlands in Southeast Missouri, the Advance Lowlands, named after the city of that name in Stoddard county, and the Cairo Lowlands, also called after that city in Illinois. According to his statements the Advance Lowland was formed by erosions of the Mississippi, while the Cairo Lowlands was formed by the erosions of the Ohio. Crow-

ley's Ridge, and Hickory Ridge, other elevations which at one time were parts of Crowley's Ridge, are the only "high" places in the lowlands, he stated, with the exception of the so-called "Lost Hills" in the southern part of this section. Prof. Logan explained that these were probably formed by the erosions of the tributaries of the Mississippi, which he said ran through Southeast Missouri like a net-work.

"Old Field," located near Advance, a subject for debate as to its probable origin, last night was explained by the college professor, as just a basin which has been left in the Advance Lowlands, and he said did not likely come about as a result of any earthquake as is sometimes thought. The college man also stated that he did not think that any of the lowlands or hills were formed by the earthquake in 1811, which shook the central part of the United States.

"In some parts of these lowlands," Prof. Logan stated, "the land is lower than the Mississippi river itself. This is especially true near Delta, where it is nearly twenty feet lower than the river." That the Mississippi river might at some time change its comparatively new course back to the old one going southwest from Cape Girardeau, was expressed by Prof. Logan, but he intimated that this might be overcome in this modern time by the use of levees. As further evidence of the newness of the present bed of the Mississippi, he gave as an illustration, the width of the river at Thebes, where little signs of erosion can be seen.

Every ten acres in Missouri yields annually enough nectar to support a colony of bees and enable them to store 30 pounds of surplus honey.—Bulletin 138.

Marguerite L. Smith, who was a candidate for re-election to the New York Assembly, is a Sunday school teacher, an expert skater and hockey player and has a master of arts degree from Columbia University.

A law enacted by the last general assembly, is one of interest to nearly every county official. It is the one whereby the population of a county is arrived at for the purpose of fixing the salaries of certain of the officers.

Formerly, the vote for the leading candidates was multiplied by five to arrive at the estimate, but because of the enfranchisement of women, this was decided not to be a fair way, so the legislature fixed the multiple as three. It is believed this will greatly increase the salaries of many county officers, especially in counties where women polled a large percentage of their total voting strength.

NEWSY LETTER FROM HOGVILLE CORRESPONDENT.

Sile Smith has traded his cook stove for a nice hound.

Zero Peck beat Dan Mathews in a horse trade this week and as a relief for his conscience will try to take some active part in the church service at Bear Ford next Sunday.

It matters not how hard times get you never seen anyone hunting for work in Hogville. They do not seem to care for it. Really Hogville might well be called the playground of the world.

The blind man of the Bear Ford neighborhood has been swindled again this time by the old miser who traded him a dog which did not have as many spots as the one he got from the Blind Man.

Gape Allsop was arrested Tuesday morning for firing four shots at random. He was acquitted of the charge when he proved that he only fired three times at random and the other time at Dag Smith.

Bill Hellwanger was badly shot while engaged in a game of marbles in Petunia Ridge early this week. The bullet went through the bosom of his shirt and he coughed it up without much injury. Ill feeling between him and the defendant is given as the direct cause of the unfortunate affair.

If it were not for the fleas Alexander Moseley and his several dogs would welcome the advent of spring and a few other disadvantages one gets a great deal of pleasure out of having a dozen or so dogs around the premises. Mr. Moseley has always made his dogs feel at home by making them feel just the same as other members of the family.

A mule has been left hitched at the post office and if the owner does not call for same in five days the postmaster will forward it to the dead letter office at Washington. Only last month he sent a nice wild hog which had been putting in an appearance at the post office occasionally and at times would take the liberty of sleeping under the post office floor.

The steps leading into the Wild Rose school house were stolen a few nights ago. The Assistant Constable has been put on the case and has

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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THE STANDARD is the only paper in Scott County that is published twice-a-week; for newspaper readers wanting the news while it is news, and for advertisers desiring quick results, it is the best medium.

The Standard announces the following new rates for advertising effective August 1, 1920:

Display advertising, per single column inch, net 25c
Reading notices per line 10c
Financial statements for banks \$6.00
Probate notices, minimum \$5.00

The Standard announces the following new rates for subscription effective September 1, 1920:

Yearly subscription anywhere in Scott and adjoining counties \$2.00
Yearly subscription elsewhere in United States \$2.50

No renewal allowed at present rate for longer than one year.

Foreign Advertising Representative
THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

"Do As We Say and Not As We Do", is hereby recommended to the lady who reads The Standard, but who is not a subscriber, and who sent word to the editor to clean up his own premises before attempting to advise a Clean-Up of other premises.

The Flirtatious Female and the Lascivious Libertine are the ones to watch in any community if we are to keep our boys and girls on the right side of the Moral Ledger. Each of the aforesaid are loads on every community that are hard to bear in patience.

Level-headed Mr. Hughes, of President Harding's cabinet, seems to be following the path blazed by Mr. Wilson in the Forests of Foreign Affairs, notwithstanding the pre-election declarations that great changes would be made as soon as the Republicans took charge of the government. Mr. Hughes is a real American and the honor of his country means more to him than the promises to all elements of the disaffected to get their votes. After all, our Mr. Wilson is going to turn out to have been a real patriot, else the Secretary of State would not follow his course.

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
V.—CONNECTICUT

CONNECTICUT stands unique as probably the first state which was created in the world by a written constitution. It was really an offshoot from Massachusetts, for in 1636 there was dissatisfaction over the form of government among the Puritans in Cambridge, Watertown and Dorchester, the three towns surrounding Boston. A large part of these three towns, therefore, decided to journey to the Connecticut valley, as they had heard that there was to be found excellent farm land, and the Dutch from New Netherland had been forced out the previous year by the erection by the English of a fort at Saybrook at the mouth of the river. The Cambridge people, under the leadership of their pastor, Hooker, founded Hartford, the Dorchester people settled Windsor, and those from Watertown established Wethersfield. For a few years they remained a part of Massachusetts, but early in 1639 the people of these three towns met and drew up a written constitution and agreed to govern themselves. Meanwhile, in 1638, a large company of colonists under the leadership of John Davyport arrived from England and settled the town of New Haven, later spreading to Milford and Stamford. These two distinct colonies were later united and took the name of Connecticut from its principal river. This is an Algonquin Indian name meaning "long river." It became the fifth state to join the Union when it adopted the Constitution on January 9, 1788. It is sometimes called the Land of Steady Habits, but is more popularly known as the Nutmeg state from the humorous accusation that its peddlers were accustomed to palm off wooden nutmegs to their customers. The area of Connecticut is 4,965 square miles, the third smallest of our states. Its population, however, entitles it to seven electoral votes for president.

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Why Freight Rates Are High.

The railroads of the United States are not content with demanding a profit on their actual investment in their rights of way or easements over the land throughout the United States; but they also demand a return upon the unearned increment or the increased value in all these lands, whether purchased at a nominal cost, or given to them, and whether they own the land in fee or only possess an easement over the land, the property to revert to the original owners, if the railroad is abandoned.

But the railroads are not even satisfied with a return on the present value of all the land they use throughout the United States, but also demand a return upon a fictitious value which is equal to 50 or 70 per cent greater than the present value of all their real estate in the cities of the country, and they demand a return on a value of their land outside of city limits equal to approximately three times the value of adjoining farm lands at the present time. If their right-of-way runs through farm land worth \$300 an acre at present prices, they demand this government to fix a value of their right-of-way in that section at \$900 per acre. In other words, not content with a return on their actual investment, and not content with a return on the present value of their land, they want a return on three times the present value land outside of city limits, and 50 to 70 per cent greater than the present value of their land within city limits."

The foregoing is taken from a statement of Clifford Thorne, General Counsel for the American Farm Bureau Federation presented to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, 66th Congress, 2nd session.

Mr. Thorne in his detailed statement points out the following significant facts:

1. The railroads have had donated to them by the people of the United States one-twelfth of the land area of the entire nation without a single dollar of cost. This gift land is now inflated in value to as much as three times the value of the adjoining farm land and the public is asked to pay the railroad 5½ to 6 per cent on the inflated value.

2. The total area granted to the railroads by the Federal government alone is practically equivalent to the land area of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois combined.

3. As an example of how this inflation in value operates, a committee representing the National Association of Railroad Commissioners, in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1915, called attention to the fact that the Santa Fe railroad owned 128 acres of land within the city limits of Oklahoma City, costing \$73,534.00. They have valued this land for purposes of rate making at two million dollars, which at 6 per cent would produce an annual income in 25 years, thirty times the original cost of the land or more than double the original cost each year. A similar situation is referred to in the same report in the city of St. Paul where lands amounting to 8½ per cent of the total assessed area in the city are valued at 48.2 per cent of the actual value of the total assessed area of St. Paul.

These higher valuations are based upon estimated replacement or reproduction costs. The American Farm Bureau Federation is using its best efforts to adjust freight rates. If freight rates are to be guaranteed on a basis which will make the railroad companies 5½ to 6 per cent profit on investment, guaranteed rate of interest must be placed on something like the actual value of their real estate holdings and not on a fictitious value based upon reproduction costs in which are included imaginary or real damage and reparation claims which might be incurred if the railroads were to be built today.

Numbers of people who live in poor health do so, writes a medical authority, by keeping a personal poison factory on their bodily premises. They do not know it, perhaps, but it is there all the same. This poison factory is usually situated in the nose, the teeth, the tonsils, or the digestive canal. The dental supply is kept up by neglected, cavius teeth and stumps, a badly cared for plate, or (worst of all), pyorrhea. Septic tonsils are another common cause of "toxemia", as it is called. And there are those who by persistent neglect of natural functions turn their bodies into so many ambulant cesspools.

New Maxwell touring car \$750.00
Farmers Supply Co.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER SCENIC HIGHWAY

Memphis, Tenn., April 5.—America's greatest North and South Automobile route, the Mississippi River Scenic Highway, embracing the Port Arthur to Port Arthur line and the Winnipeg to Tampa line, connecting the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Ontario with North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and Texas, will enjoy the greatest progress in its history during the year 1921, predicted Truman Pierson, General Manager, organizer and originator of the present organization and plan, at a meeting of the business men in the Chamber of Commerce here March 23. The executive officer declared that the route will cost \$150,000,000; that it will directly benefit 50,000,000 people, and will carry traffic worth one billion dollars.

Thomas B. King, of Memphis, retires from the presidency at this time, leaving behind an administration that will be noted because during the period a greater percentage of road improvement was provided for this route than for any other one American highway" said Pierson. "Ever since the 5th annual convention, held in Memphis in October, 1919, the Mississippi River Scenic Highway Association has by organized effort endeavored to create traffic for its system, and we believe that our line this past year has carried over its completed portions more traffic than ever before. The south is entitled to a great deal of credit for the start which it gave the movement at the Memphis meeting", he continued.

"My early associates in this great work, Edwin G. Fairfield of Dubuque, Iowa; Henry Hayley, secretary of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce; A. G. Oberle, of Burlington, Ia.; Capt. H. B. Watkins of Quincy, Ill., and others have builded even better than they knew this great project, which with the 6th annual convention just closed in St. Louis, assumed proportions of such great magnitude as to insure even greater success. With its four great departments, service, publicity, promotion and legislative, the last just created at St. Louis convention, the association enters upon its 7th year better organized, better known and better equipped than ever before in its history", declared Mr. Pierson.

The Convention just closed brought together delegates representing fourteen states and two Canada Provinces, including Mayor J. L. Matthews of Port Arthur, Ontario, who came officially to represent his city in the formulaizing of plans for next year's work. The delegates, by rising vote, on motion of George R. Hall of Oakville, Ia., expressed thanks to General Manager Pierson and to Mrs. Pierson, assistant for their successful work in creating the present powerful organization.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holderby of La Forge were in Matthews Sunday.

Miss Emma Joe Hawkins went to Lilburn Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Randolph and son spent Sunday with Mrs. Nannie Lee.

Mrs. Fred Cross came Friday afternoon from Caruthersville for a visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson and other relatives.

Miss Dolly Vinson, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Loda Phelps for several weeks, returned Friday morning to her home in Princeton, Kentucky.

R. A. Moyers, Superintendent of the Oran Schools, was in Sikeston Saturday on business regarding the Oran School annual, which is to be made in the Standard office.

Charles W. Ellis, formerly with the Murray Construction Company, came in Saturday from Jefferson City where he is now employed, for a visit with his many Sikeston friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele, G. F. Deane and Earl Swartz motored to Catron Saturday on business.

Miss Wava Shanks of Crowe District and Roy King of Fairview were Matthews visitors Sunday.

Quite a number of people from Morehouse attended services at the Nazarine church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hunott had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Levi Proudry and Rev. A. J. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hersinger left Friday for Lilburn on a visit to Mrs. Hersinger's grandmother, Mrs. Louis Lee.

Misses Phyllis McAdoo, Eva Cochran, Vera Roberts, Messrs Frank Sutton and C. L. Yates motored to Lilburn Sunday.

Mesdames Gladden of Batesville, Louisiana, R. E. Conyers and little son Charles were guests of Mrs. Louis Hunott Thursday.

Mrs. John Rauh and children returned Thursday from Arkansas, where they have been the past few weeks visiting relatives.

Miss Ozella Gossitt, who is attending school at Sikeston, spent from Friday until Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Gossitt.

Mrs. S. S. Huhles and daughter, Miss Christine, returned to their home in Canaolu after a few days visit here with Mr. and Mrs. James Huhles.

The Freight on a Car of Potatoes From Minn. Is \$110 More than Potatoes.

Just what the present freight rates mean to the effort of retailers to reduce the cost of living will be better understood when it is known that the freight on a carload of seed potatoes shipped from Minnesota to Poplar Bluff is \$110 more than the jobber received from the potatoes. This is what happened last week when the Allison Merc. Co. bought a car of Burals and had them shipped from Minnesota to this city. The freight amounted to \$110 more than they paid the jobbers for the car of potatoes. The railroads through their high operating costs are strangling agricultural production and at the same time are holding at a high level the cost of food and other articles to the consumer.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Mis Lola Medcalf spent Saturday in Dexter.

Mrs. W. N. Walpole was shopping in Cairo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin McMullin were visitors in Grays Ridge Friday.

The rainiest spot on earth is the Waipo Valley, in Hawaii, where the precipitation averages one inch a day. The district of Hualalai, on the same island, has a rainfall of but 20 inches a year.

Sile Kildew and wife took a shoebox full of butter to town Saturday and as she had a pound of right old butter left over she went around and presented it to the editor with a few kind remarks.

The United States Bureau of Chemistry finds that the poison of poison ivy is one of the most powerful known in the vegetable world. People have been known to die from too liberal a contact with it. It is present in all parts of the plant, and if taken internally is extremely dangerous.

It goes without saying that our domesticated ducks are derived from species originally wild. They are mostly mallards of European and American varieties. Our long-legged so-called "Indian runner duck" is descended from a stock not satisfactorily identified.

The contract for paving Third and Main Streets of Lilburn for a distance of five blocks was let by the Lilburn City Council Saturday night to J. F. Cox and R. A. McCord of Sikeston, who also have the contract for building the east half of the Lilburn-Parma rock road, for the sum of \$7,684.05.

The contractors filed their bond, signed by Sam G. Ballard, which was accepted by the council. Mr. Cox stated that as soon as the piece of road south of the Cotton Belt was finished and he figured this would be accomplished this week, providing rain did not interfere, work on the Lilburn paving would be commenced.

The contract calls for the completion of the project within 80 days.—Lilburn Herald.

FOR SALE

Massey-Harris Binder, comparatively new, cut only 60 acres.

1 Rock Island Corn Planter.

1 Disc Harrow.

2 Sulky Plows, Oliver and John Deere makes.

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THE RURAL GRADUATE DAY AT BENTON

The regular eight months schools of the County will close Friday, April 22nd, but the final County examinations will be given Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th. The questions for the 8th grade will be furnished by the State Superintendent, the County Superintendent will supply the 7th grade questions. After the teachers have given the examinations and graded the papers, the grade reports and the papers must be sent to the County Superintendent to review. Pupils who passed the 7th grade final examinations last year and whose grades are recorded in the Superintendent's office, need to pass only the 8th grade this year in order to graduate. Pupils who have no grades recorded will have to pass examination in both grades to graduate this year. No pupil may be admitted to both examinations who has not spent 2 years in Class "A".

County graduating exercises will be held at Benton, Saturday, April 23. Program will be as follows:

9:30 Final county 7th and 8th grade declamatory contest (4 contestants)

10:20 Final county high school declamatory contest (4 contestants)

11:10 Class address and presentation of diplomas to county graduates.

1:00 County track meets (one meet for grade pupils and one for high school pupils).

There will be two county track meets held simultaneously on graduation day, April 23rd, commencing at 1:00 o'clock, one for high school pupils only and one for 7th and 8th grade pupils only. There will be 8 events as follows:

50, 100 and 200 yard dashes, 440 yard relay (4 men), shot put (8-pound shot), standing and running broad and running high jumps. Each school may enter not more than two men in each event (relay excepted of course). A first place will count 5 points, 2nd, 3rd, 2 and 4th, 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Sexton were visitors in Cairo Wednesday.

Mrs. Josephine Veith returned Sunday from a brief stay in Diehlstadt.

Mrs. C. O. Scott and Mrs. Dick Swanner were visitors in Morehouse Thursday.

Misses Pearl De Witt and Jess Bolling of Lilburn visited Miss Maggie Matthews over Sunday.

Miss Helen Harbin went Friday afternoon to Charleston for a brief visit with Mrs. Ray Gutzweiler.

Mrs. J. N. Ross left Saturday for Jackson, Tenn., where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Walter Hunter and family.

A. J. Munier came up from Lilburn Saturday to spend Easter with Mrs. Munier and their daughter, Mrs. N. E. Fuchs.

Mr. and Mrs. Ranney Applegate left Saturday afternoon for St. Louis, where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Clary for the week.

Mrs. G. W. Arterburn and daughter, Miss Ruth, left Saturday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Washington and Indianapolis, Ind.

A. F. Altheide, manager of the Semo Developing Association returned Friday from a trip to the oil fields of Illinois, of the Osage Country, and the Wyoming fields.

Mrs. Clara Anderson came down from Commerce Saturday for a visit with her sons, Ralph and Paul Anderson and her daughters, Mrs. Ella Old and Mrs. Emma Kendall.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore Greer, Miss Eleanor McRae, Miss Irene Robinson, Miss Fern Scott, Miss Camille Klein, Miss Helen Churchill and Messrs. Charles Blanton, Ralph Harper, Ted Anderson, Herman Henry, Theodore Slack, George Lough, Ralph Potashnick and Carl Freeman attended a dance given Friday night in Charles-ton.

Jeff Sutton, who has not been physically fit for the past several months, departed Friday morning for an extended stay in California, hoping to be greatly benefitted by the change. He expects to spend a month with his sister in Fresno and will then go to Los Angeles. The report that he has disposed of his interest in the Cash Grocery is without foundation.

Louis Ferrell, on Friday, shod the youngest mule on record, when he made and put a shoe on a colt three days old. The owner, who lives 12 miles southwest of Sikeston, brought the colt to town in a Ford touring car. The shoe was made about the width of a silver dollar and about twice as long. One of the little fellow legs was slightly drawn causing him to stand on the tip of the hoof. The shoe for this foot was built up at the back to lessen the strain. Young Mr. Mule lay quietly on his side while the shoe was being put on.

OIL THEORY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI IS EXPLODED

That all the efforts being made by individuals and organized companies in Southeast Missouri to uncover fabulous oil deposits in any paying quantities will prove futile is the opinion of Prof. J. C. Logan, of the Department of Agriculture at the Teachers College, who delivered and addressed on "Development of Lowlands in Southeast Missouri," at the regular monthly meeting of the College Faculty Club, last night at the college.

Prof. Logan based his opinion on the examination of the deposit which have been made in Southeast Missouri since the beginning of time, and in which he stated there could be found no evidence of the deposits from which oil comes. 'Evidences of the deposits of the Silurian, Ordovician and Cambrian period, the earliest periods, can be found,' he said "and also of the Tertiary period, which is the latest depository period, but nowhere can be found and deposited of the Carboniferous period, which contain any oil deposits which may be present in the country. Of course, where there is any decaying matter, a certain amount of oil deposits may be found, but not in paying qualities. This also applies to coal deposits."

The Southeast Missouri lowlands have been swept and washed by the waters of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to such an extent that it is believed that this deposit of the so-called middle period has been removed by the frequent erosions, the college professor stated. Deposits of sand one hundred feet in depth, which could have come from no place except one of the two rivers, have been found and the supposition is that these carboniferous deposits have been carried away by the almost incessant combat with the waters, it was stated. The fact that the Mississippi at an earlier date ran west and south from Cape Girardeau, and that the Ohio river ran through what is now Commerce, and by Dexter in Stoddard County, is evidence enough, Prof. Logan said, to prove that this section of the country with a few exceptions was completely washed at an early date.

In his talk Prof. Logan told of the formation of the two great lowlands in Southeast Missouri, the Advance Lowlands, named after the city of that name in Stoddard county, and the Cairo Lowlands, also called after that city in Illinois. According to his statements the Advance Lowland was formed by erosions of the Mississippi, while the Cairo Lowlands was formed by the erosions of the Ohio. Crow-

ley's Ridge, and Hickory Ridge, other elevations which at one time were parts of Crowley's Ridge, are the only 'high' places in the lowlands, he stated, with the exception of the so-called "Lost Hills" in the southern part of this section. Prof. Logan explained that these were probably formed by the erosions of the tributaries of the Mississippi, which he said ran through Southeast Missouri like a network.

"Old Field," located near Advance, a subject for debate as to its probable origin, last night was explained by the college professor, as just a basin which has been left in the Advance Lowlands, and he said did not likely come about as a result of any earthquake as is sometimes thought.

The college man also stated that he did not think that any of the lowlands or hills were formed by the earthquake in 1811, which shook the central part of the United States.

"In some parts of these lowlands," Prof. Logan stated, "the land is lower than the Mississippi river itself. This is especially true near Delta, where it is nearly twenty feet lower than the river." That the Mississippi river might at some time change its comparatively new course back to the old one going southwest from Cape Girardeau, was expressed by Prof. Logan, but he intimated that this might be overcome in this modern time by the use of levees. As further evidence of the newness of the present bed of the Mississippi, he gave as an illustration, the width of the river at Thebes, where little signs of erosion can be seen.

Every ten acres in Missouri yields annually enough nectar to support a colony of bees and enable them to store 30 pounds of surplus honey.—Bulletin 138.

Marguerite L. Smith, who was a candidate for re-election to the New York Assembly, is a Sunday school teacher, an expert skater and hockey player and has a master of arts degree from Columbia University.

A law enacted by the last general assembly, is one of interest to nearly every county official. It is the one whereby the population of a county is arrived at for the purpose of fixing the salaries of certain of the officers. Formerly, the vote for the leading candidates was multiplied by five to arrive at the estimate, but because of the enfranchisement of women, this was decided not to be a fair way, so the legislature fixed the multiple as three. It is believed this will greatly increase the salaries of many county officers, especially in counties where women polled a large percentage of their total voting strength.

NEWSY LETTER FROM HOGVILLE CORRESPONDENT.

Sile Smith has traded his cook stove for a nice hound.

Zero Peck beat Dan Mathewson in a horse trade this week and as a relief for his conscience will try to take some active part in the church service at Bear Ford next Sunday.

It matters not how hard times get you never seen anyone hunting for work in Hogville. They do not seem to care for it. Really Hogville might well be called the playground of the world.

The blind man of the Bear Ford neighborhood has been swindled again this time by the old miser who traded him a dog which did not have as many spots as the one he got from the Blind Man.

Gape Allsop was arrested Tuesday morning for firing four shots at random. He was acquitted of the charge when he proved that he only fired three times at random and the other time at Dag Smith.

Bill Hellwanger was badly shot while engaged in game of marbles in Petunia Ridge early this week. The bullet went through the bosom of his shirt and he coughed it up without much injury. His feeling between him and the defendant is given as the direct cause of the unfortunate affair.

If it were not for the fleas Alexander Moseley and his several dogs would welcome the advent of spring and a few other disadvantages one gets a great deal of pleasure out of having a dozen or so dogs around the premises. Mr. Moseley has always made his dogs feel at home by making them feel just the same as other members of the family.

A mule has been left hitched at the post office and if the owner does not call for same in five days the postmaster will forward it to the dead letter office at Washington. Only last month he sent a nice wild hog which had been putting in an appearance at the post office occasionally and at times would take the liberty of sleeping under the post office floor.

The steps leading into the Wild Rose school house were stolen a few nights ago. The Assistant Constable has been put on the case and has several of our good citizens under suspicion, as he passed a house where a mass meeting on the road question was being held on the night of the crime, and overhead one of the speakers say that steps should be taken once to repair a bridge over near Bear Ford.

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100 head of good North Missouri Mules; all broke and ready to go to work. Ages 3 to 5 years old. All have the size and quality. I pick these mules from the farmers myself. Sold 35 head of the same class of mules in three days last week. Price is right and your note is good with me.

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